

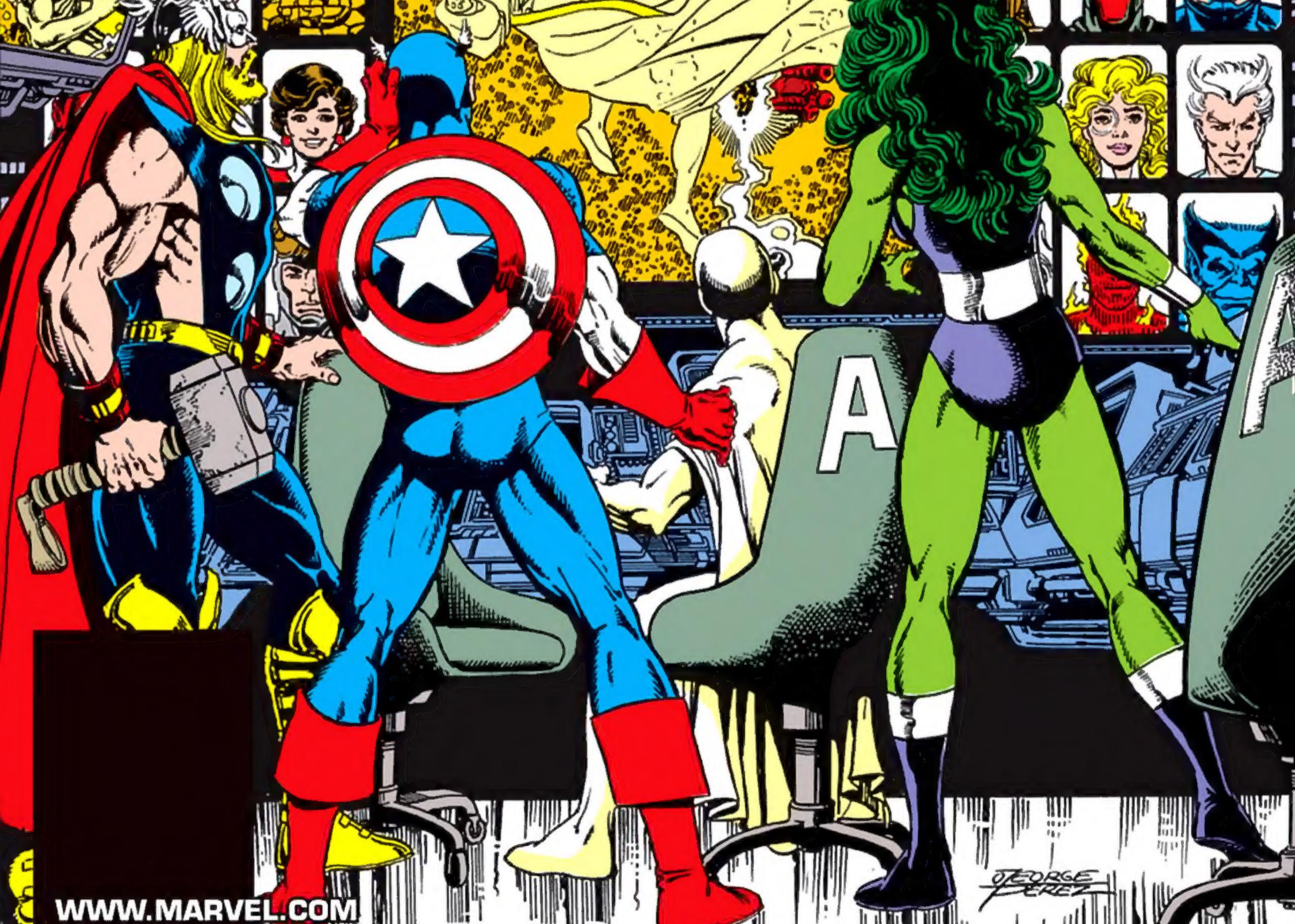
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THE INFINITY GAUNTLET

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GEORGE
PEREZ

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ALL IS RIGHT IN THE HEAVENS FOR THANOS POSSESSES THE SIX INFINITY GEMS.

THE UNIVERSE
WILL NOW BE SET
RIGHT.

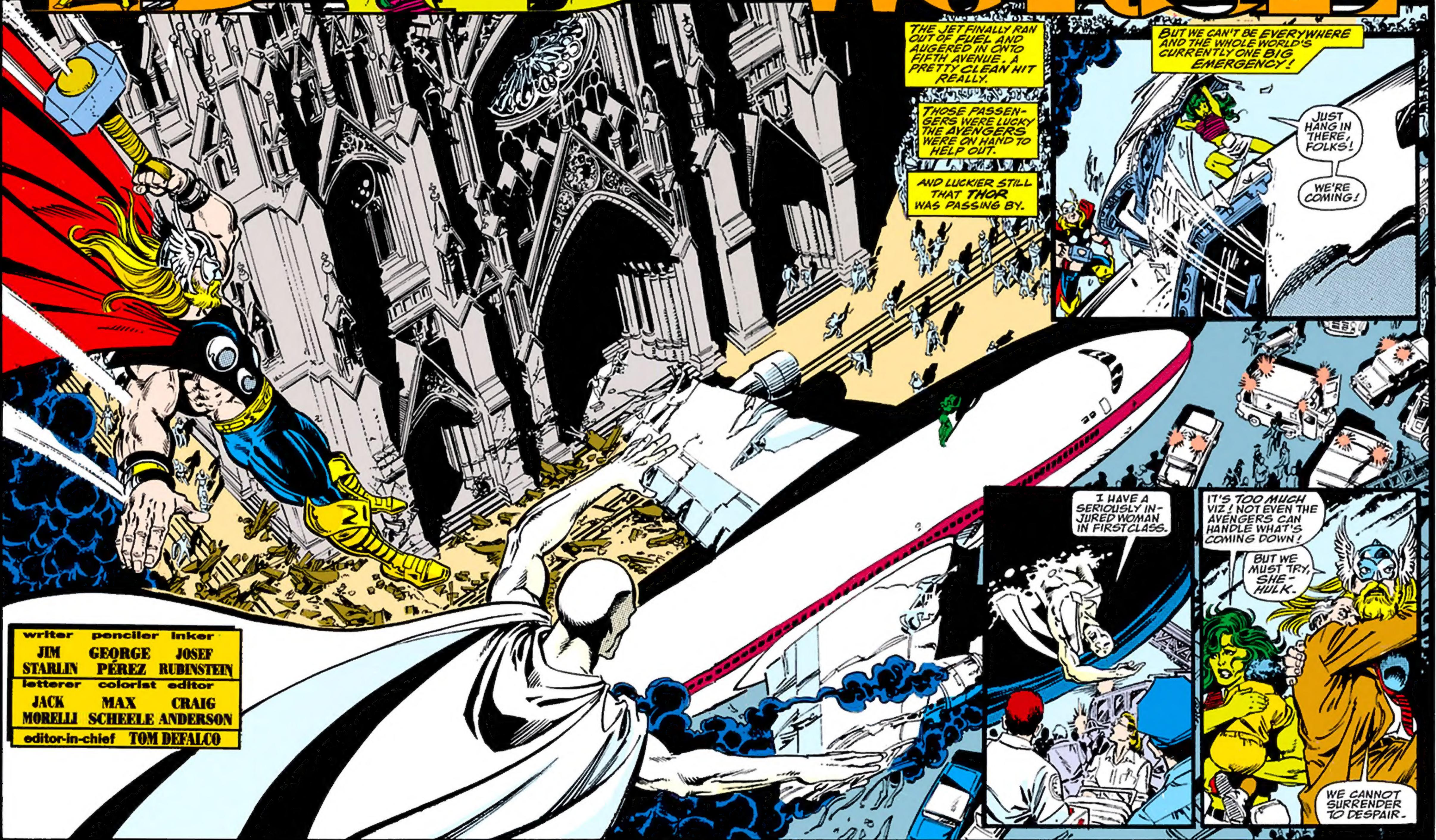
MADE OVER TO
FIT MY UNIQUE
VIEW OF WHAT
SHOULD BE.

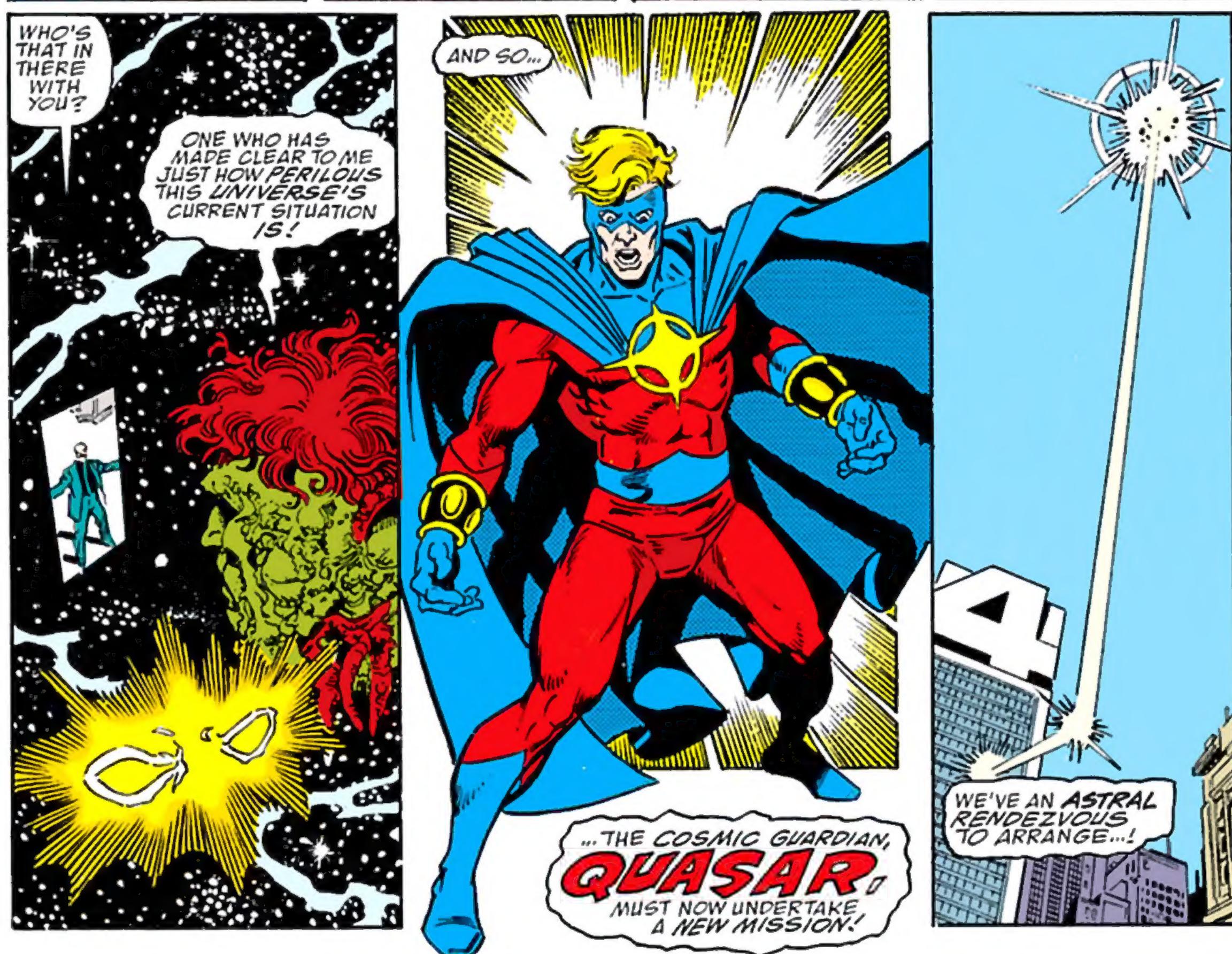
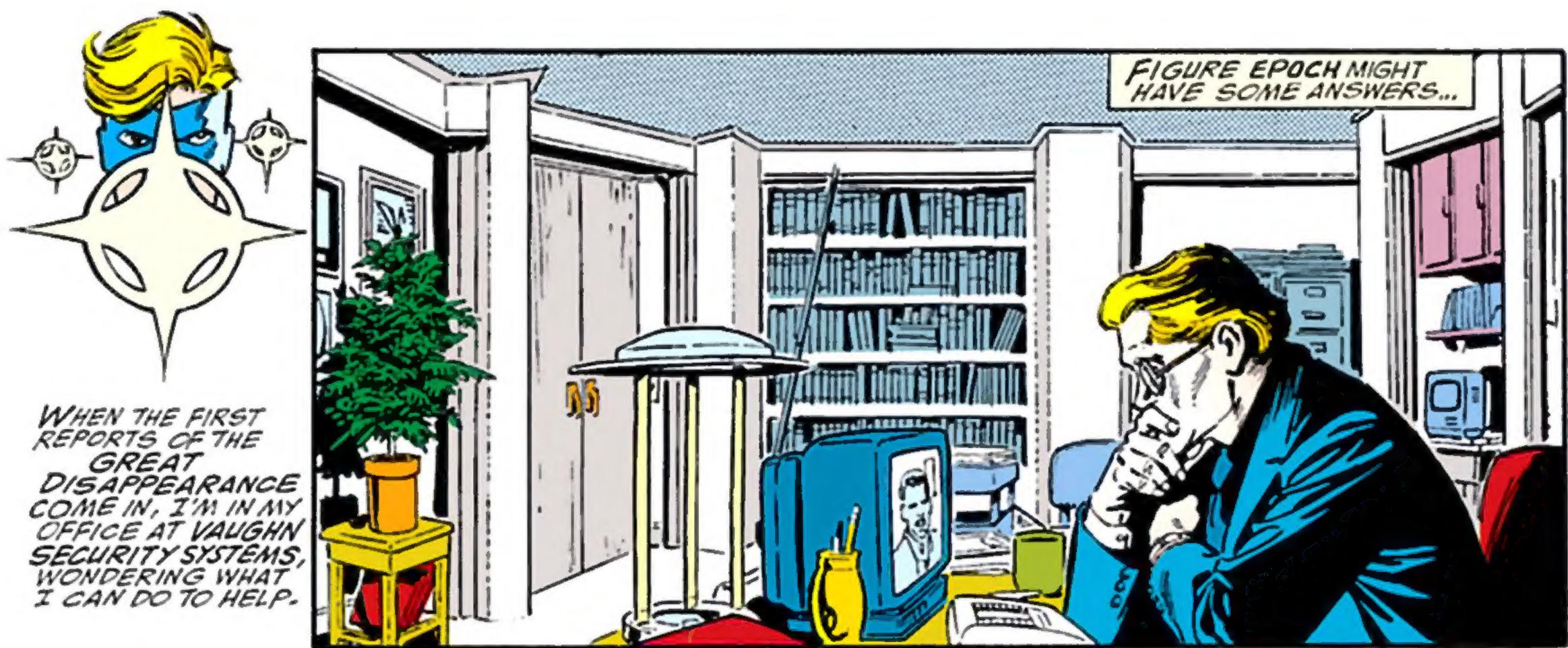
LET NIHILISM
REIGN
SUPREME!

Stan
Lee
presents

The **INFINITY GAUNTLET**

FROM BANDS TO WORSE





SHIP'S LOG: CAPTAIN
DEA-SEA REPORTING.

BULLETINS CONTINUE
TO FLOOD IN FROM ALL
OVER THE KREE
EMPIRE.

THERE CAN BE NO
DOUBT WHO IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR
THIS OUTRAGE.

THIS TRAGEDY REEKS
OF SKRULL TREACHERY.

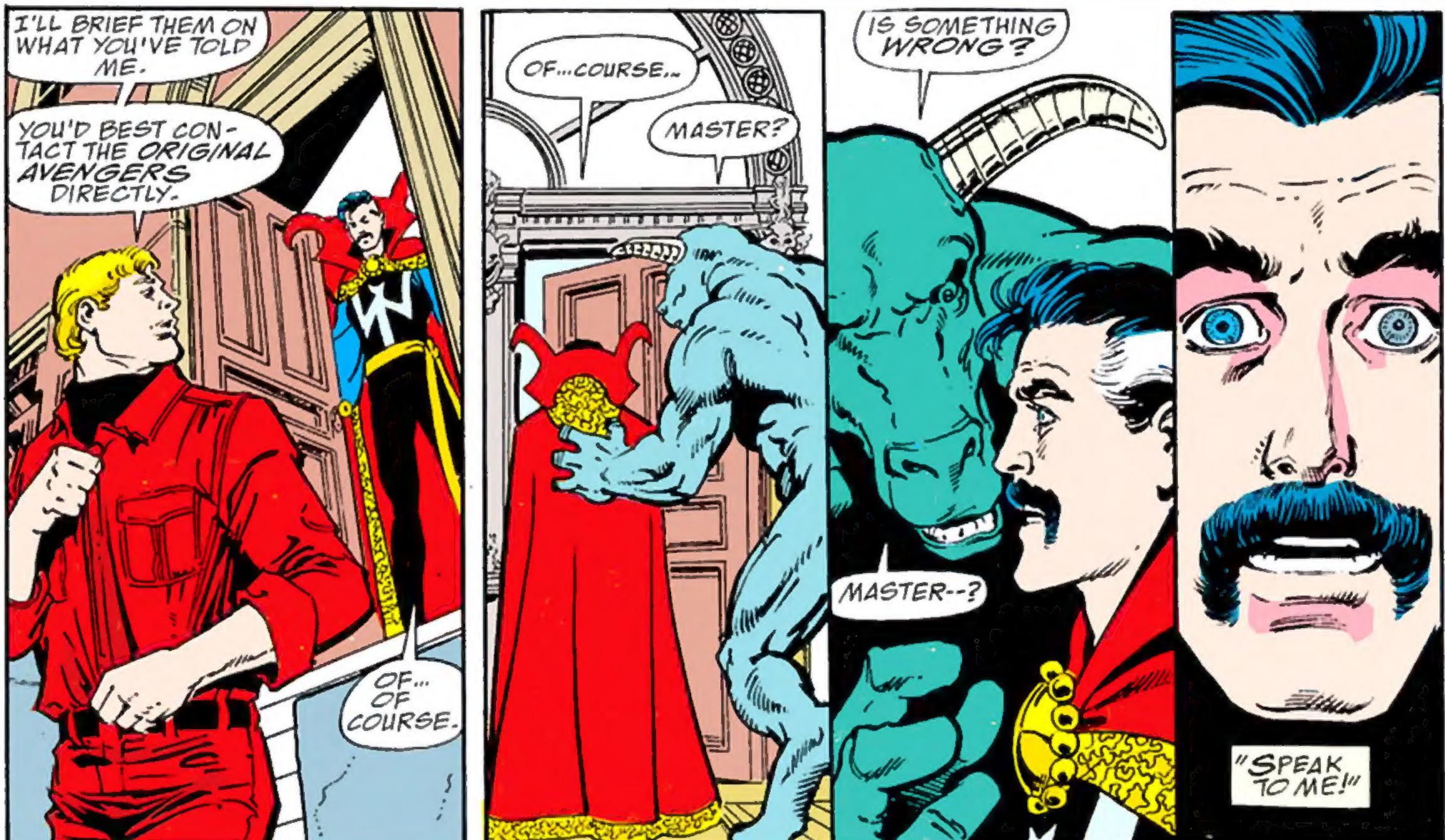
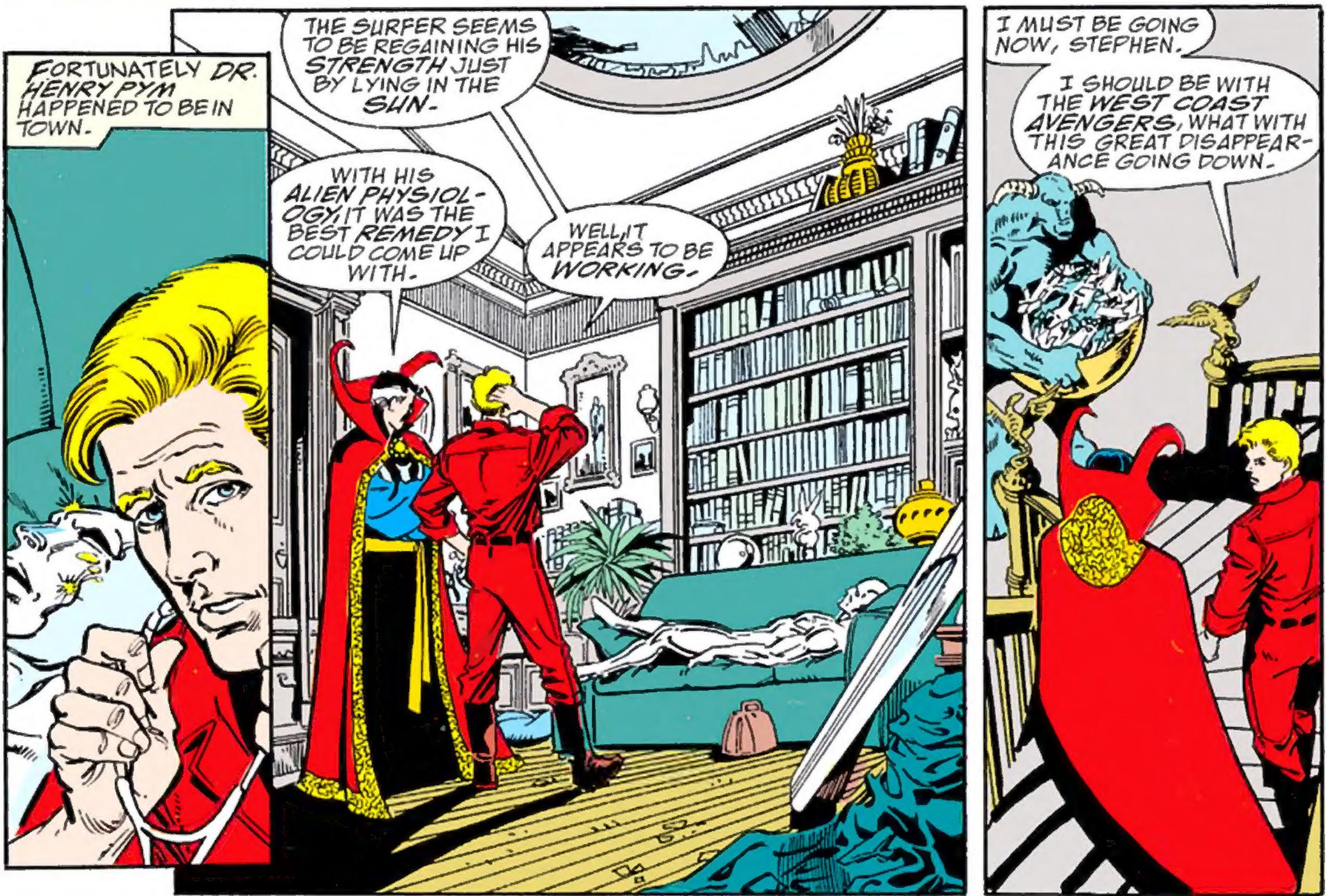
HALF OF OUR
PEOPLE HAVE
MYSTERIOUSLY
DISAPPEARED.

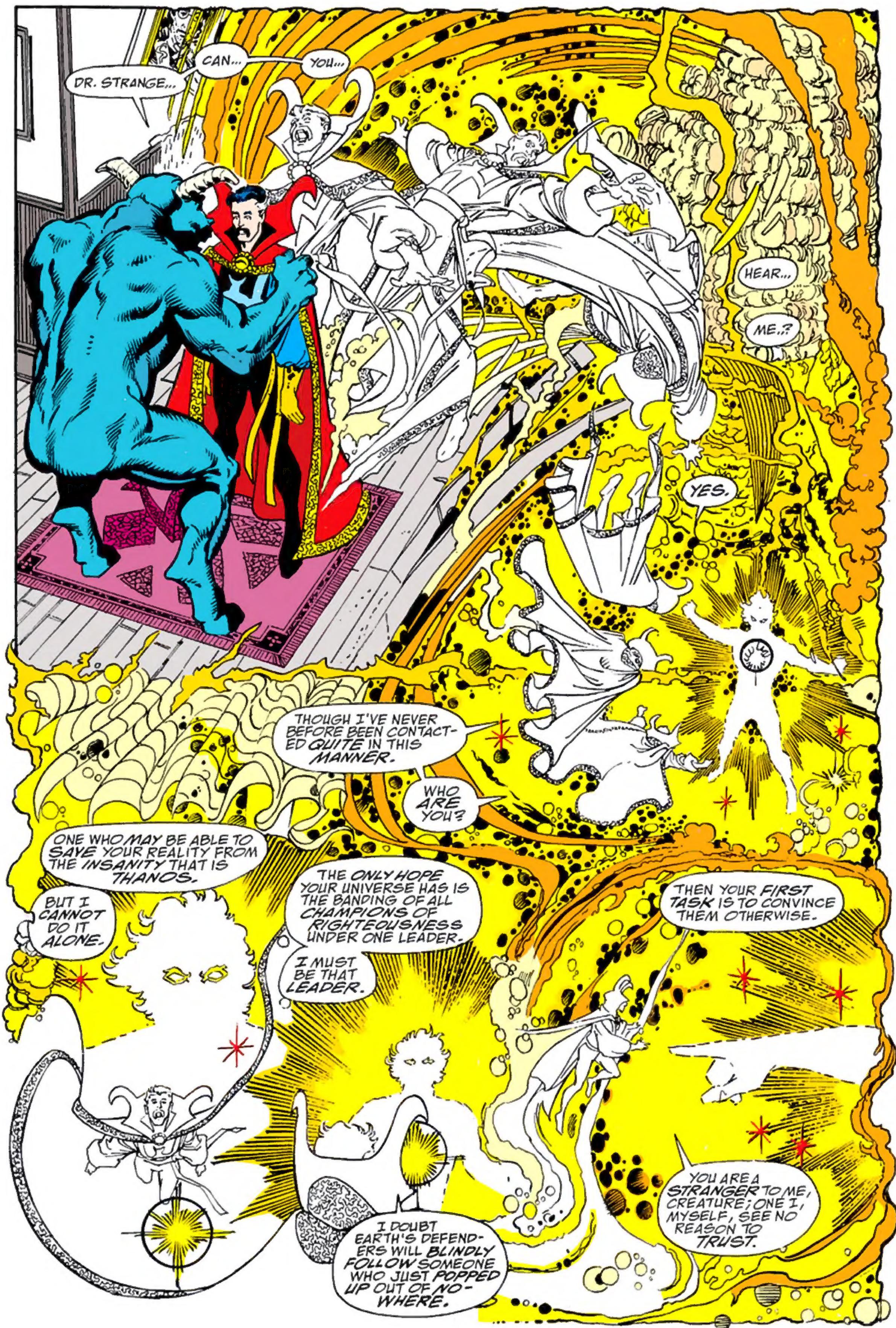
THE WAR TO END ALL
WARS BEGINS.

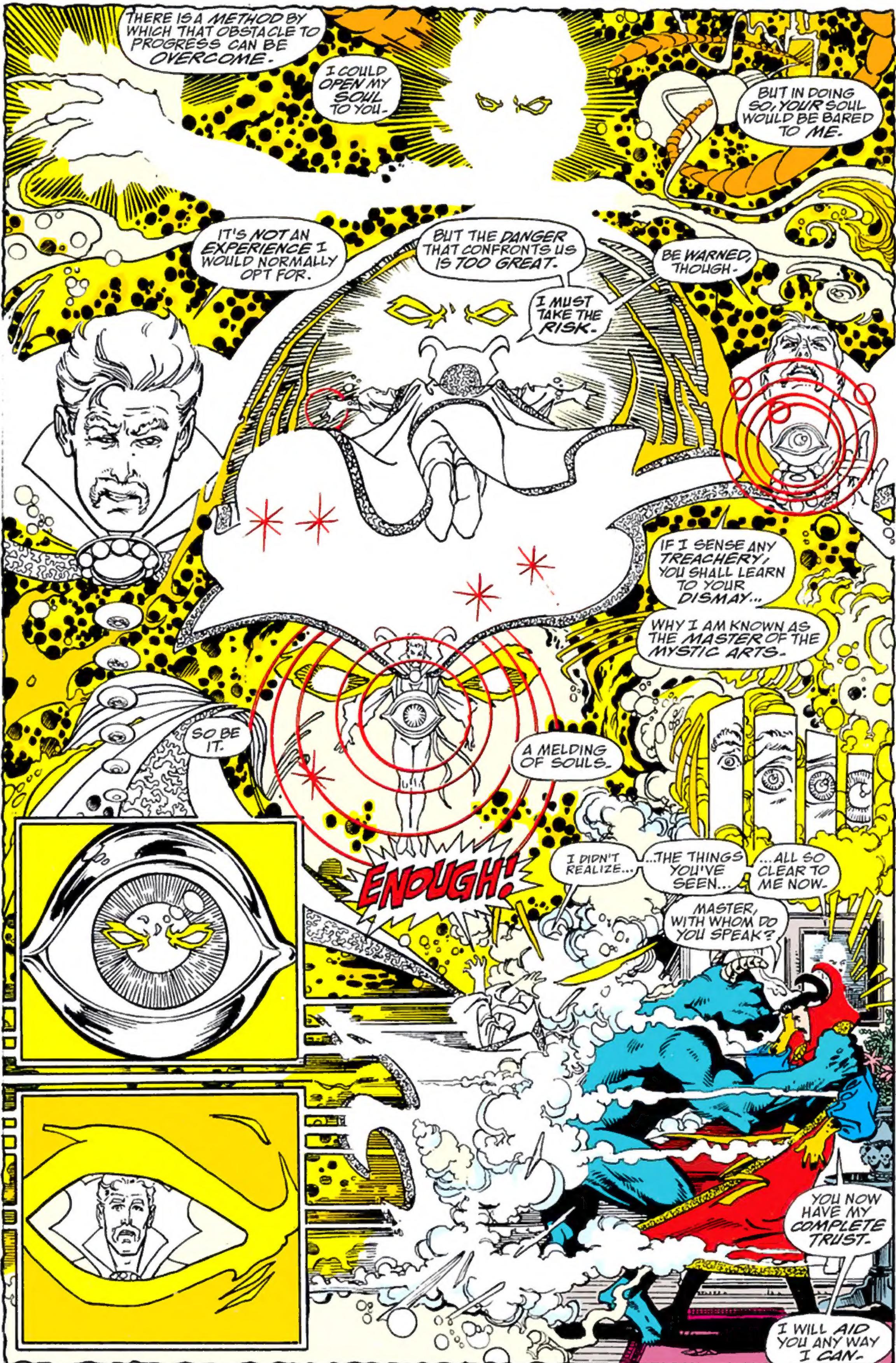
THE ENTIRE FLEET HAS
BEEN PUT ON RED
ALERT STATUS.

WE GO TO
JOIN THE
ARMADA.

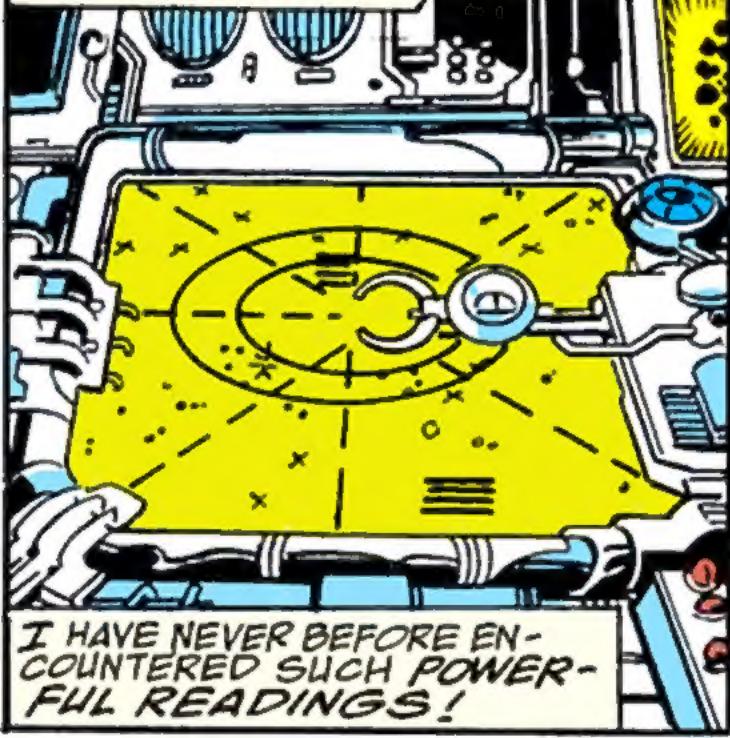
GLORY TO THE
KREE
EMPIRE--!



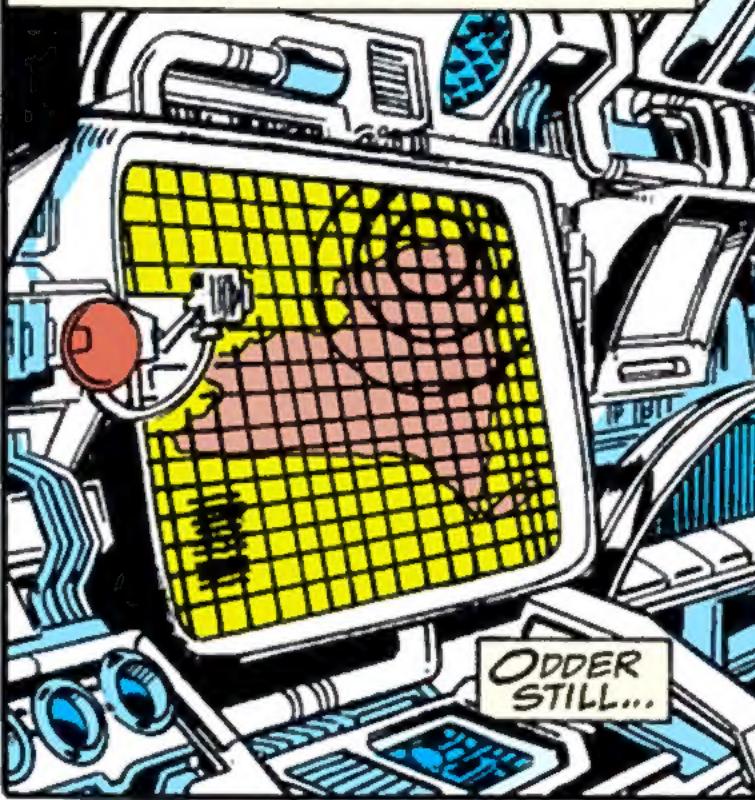




MY INSTRUMENTS INDICATE THAT THE FORCE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE ORIGINATED ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE GALAXY.



YET I'M PICKING UP SIMILAR EMANATIONS FROM A SMALL TOWN IN UPSTATE NEW YORK.



...THESE TRANSMISSIONS ARE BEING DIRECTED TO THE HOME OF DR. STEPHEN STRANGE.



THIS IS A QUESTION I MUST HAVE ANSWERED.



FOR THIS IS MY UNIVERSE. THESE ARE MY PEOPLE DISAPPEARING.



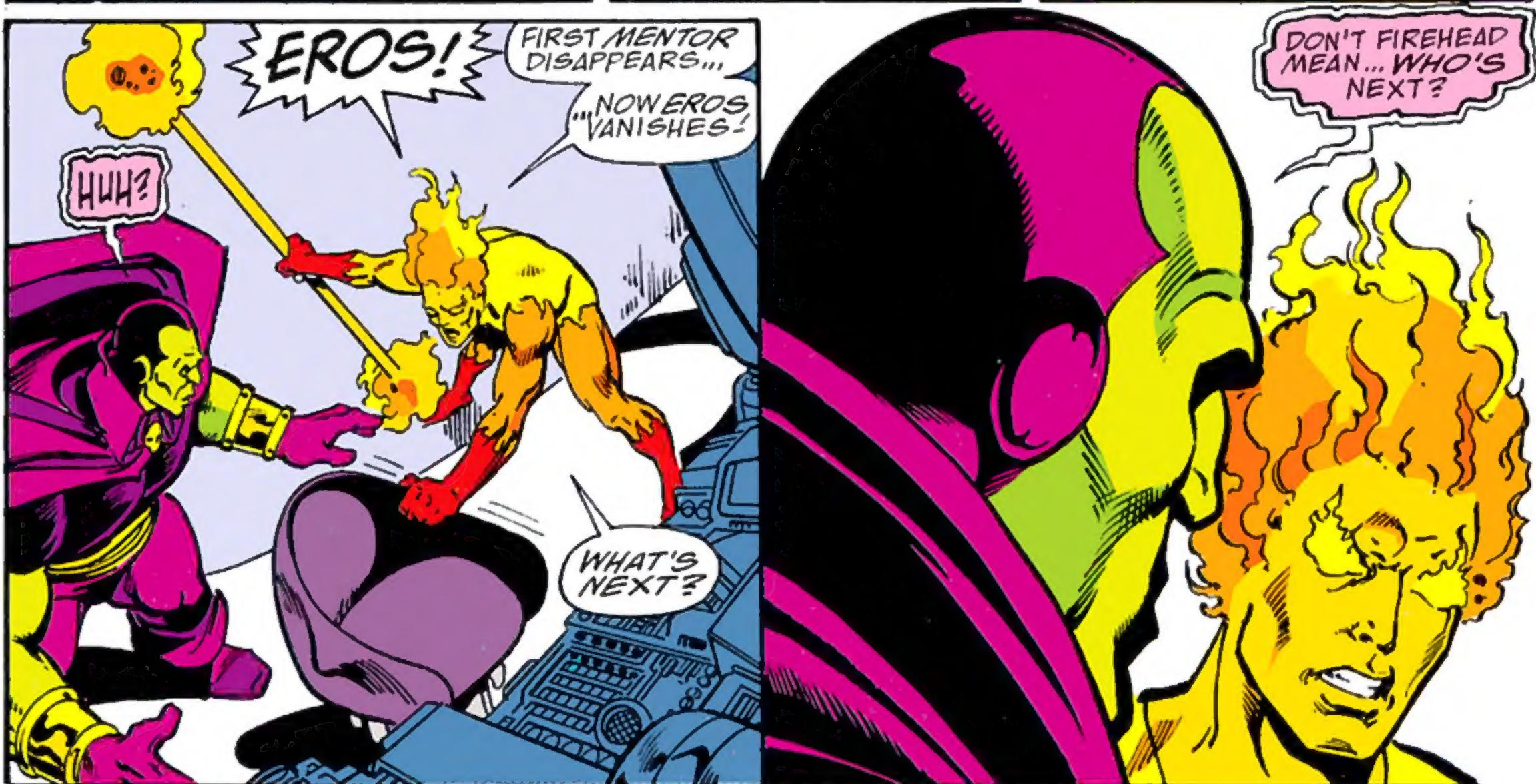
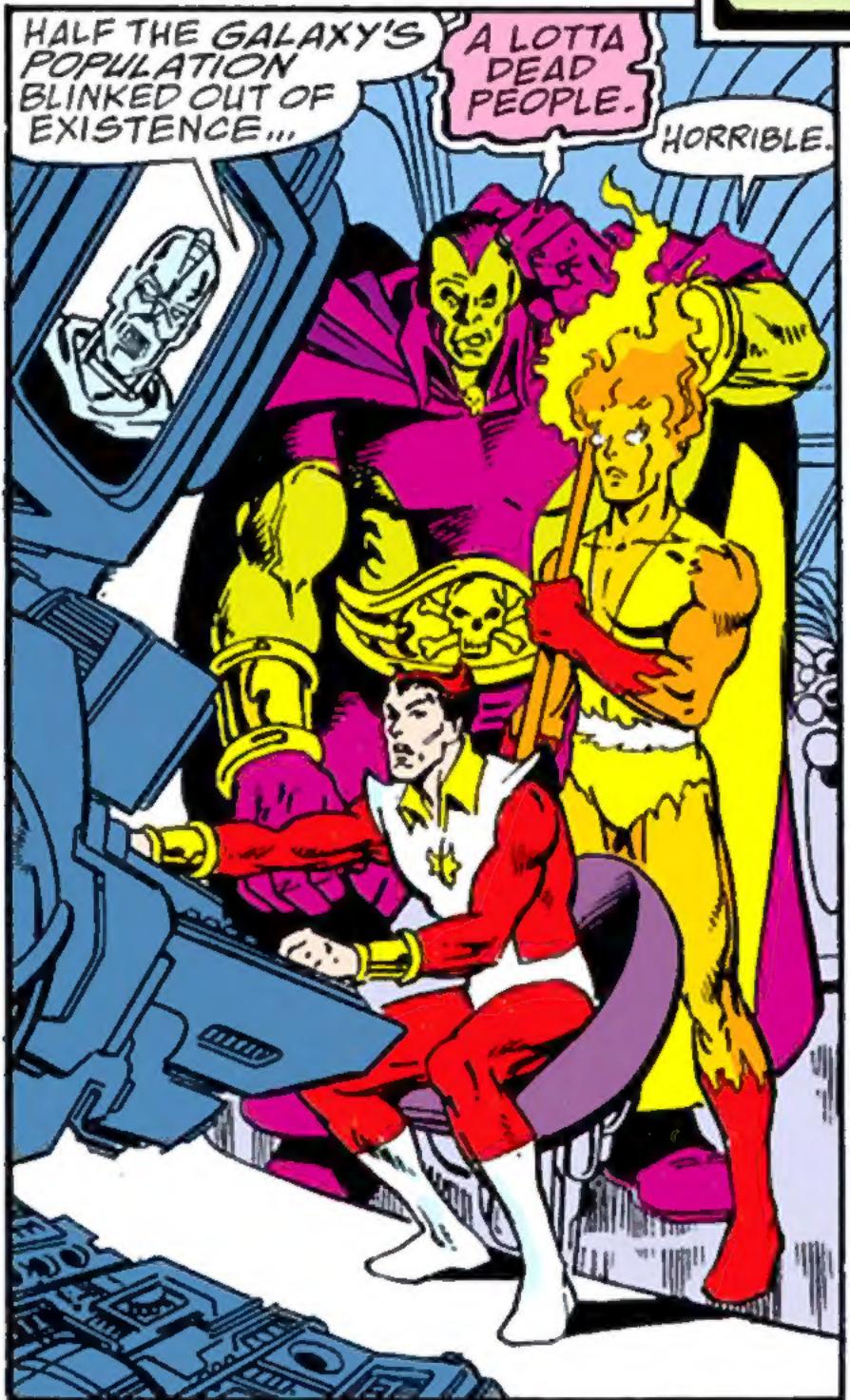
AND NO ONE SHOULD DARE TAMPER WITH WHAT BELONGS TO
DOCTOR DOOM!

PLUS, THERE IS THE FACT THAT GREAT DISASTERS OF THIS MAGNITUDE ALSO PRESENT A CURIOUS INTELLECT WITH GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

A CHANCE TO EXPAND ON MY SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND...

...PERSONAL POWER.





I'VE BEEN IN
MANY A
DIFFICULT
SITUATION
IN MY LIFE.

BUT I KNOW
THE VERY MO-
MENT I OPENED
MY EYES...

...THAT THIS IS
A WHOLE NEW
COSMIC LEVEL
OF TROUBLE.

I IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE
THE LEGENDARY INFINITY
GEMS MY BROTHER WEARS
AS THE SOURCE OF HIS
NEWFOUND MIGHT.

AND IF THAT
WEREN'T BAD
ENOUGH, A
FEW FEET AWAY
STANDS POWER-
FUL MEPHISTO.
THE DEVIL, YOU
SAY?

YES, SIR, I'M
INTO IT UP TO MY
EARS THIS TIME.

AND THERE IS MISTRESS DEATH, A REGAL SIGHT I'D HOPED NEVER TO SEE.



IT TAKES ME A WHILE TO REALIZE WHO THE STUMBLING WRECK WANDERING ABOUT IS--



SHE'S A REAL MESS.



'TIS A FAMILY REUNION, MY DEAR BROTHER.

LET THE OLD, NEBULA AND YOURSELF, GREET AND BEFRIEND THE NEW, MY LOVER AND MATE-- DEATH.

MEPHISTO IS BUT AN ADVISER.

BUT BROTHER THANOS, HOW CAN THIS BE A FAMILY REUNION WITHOUT FATHER BEING PRESENT?



MENTOR WAS NOT INVITED--

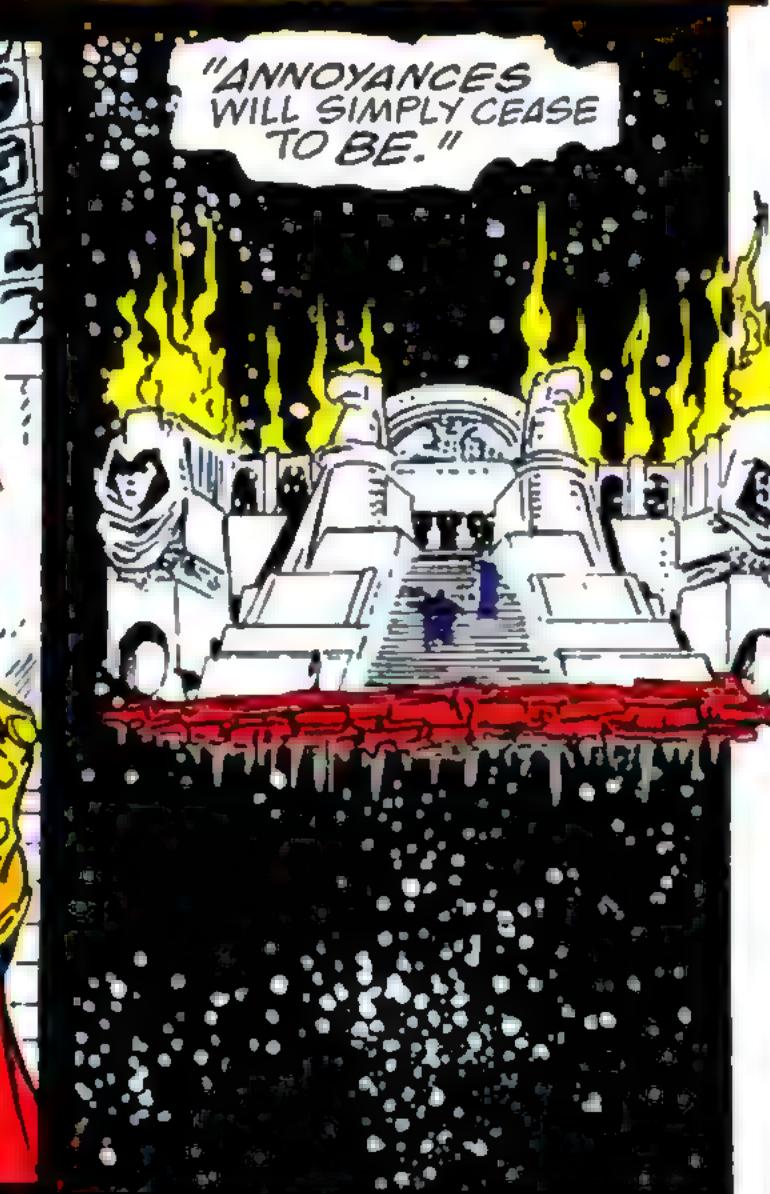
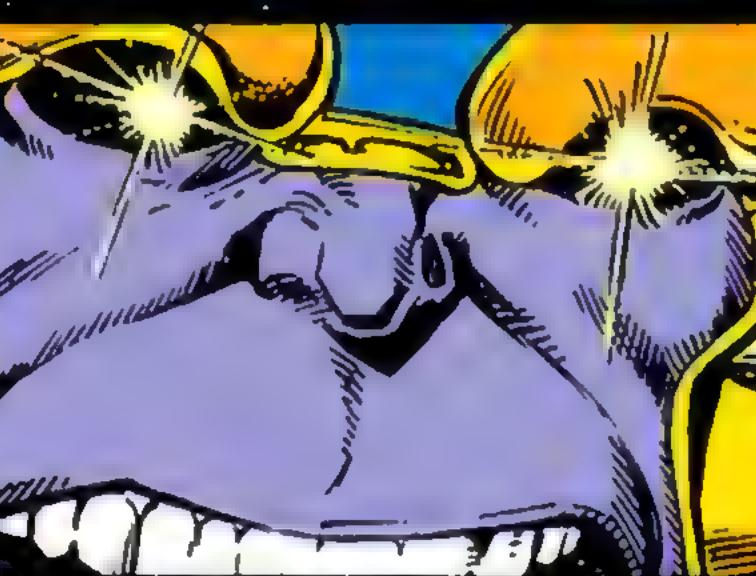
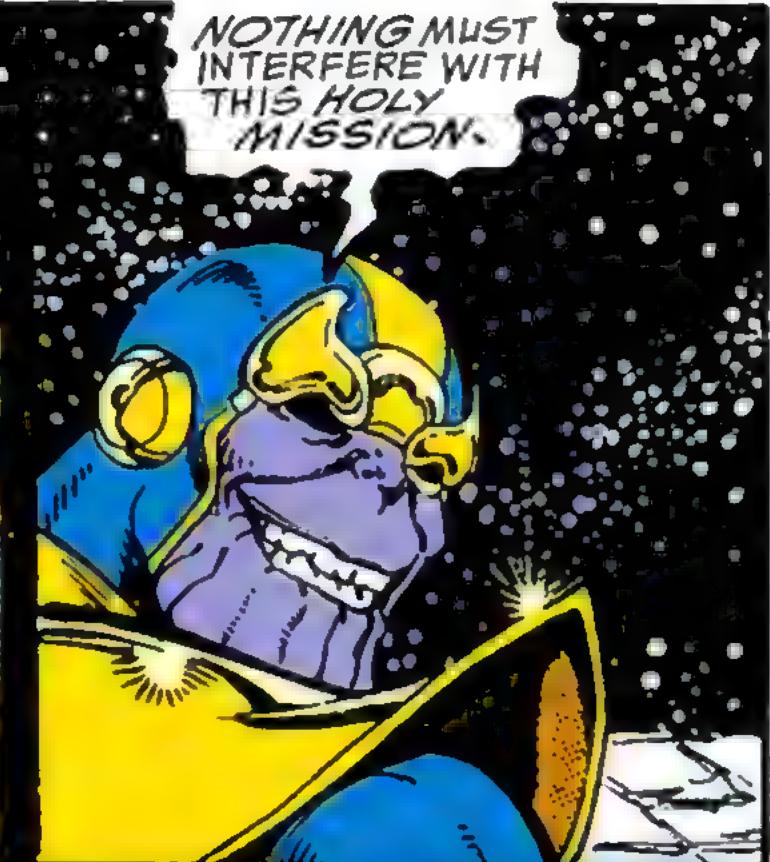
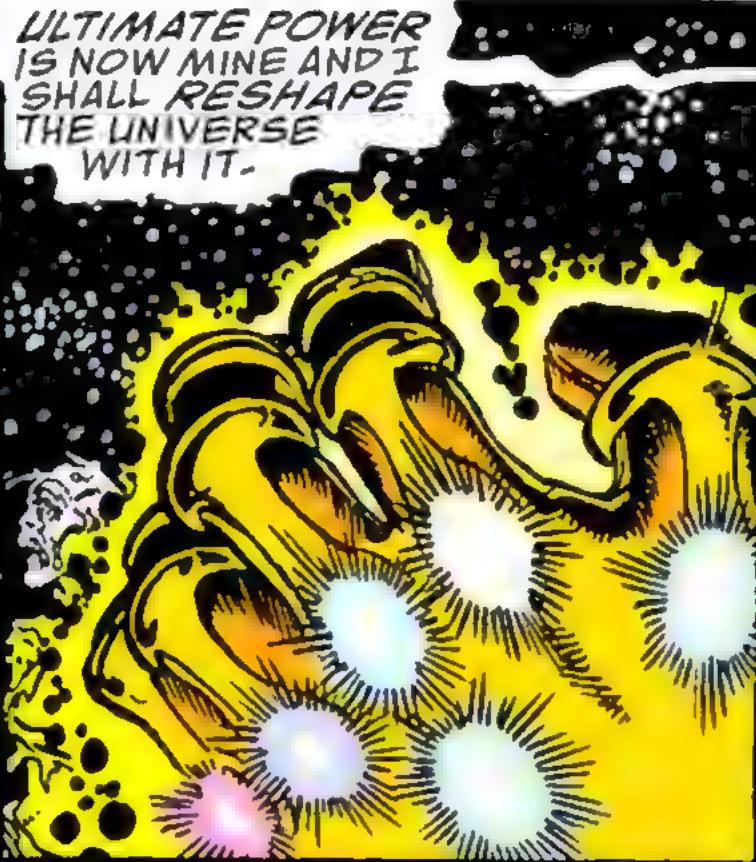
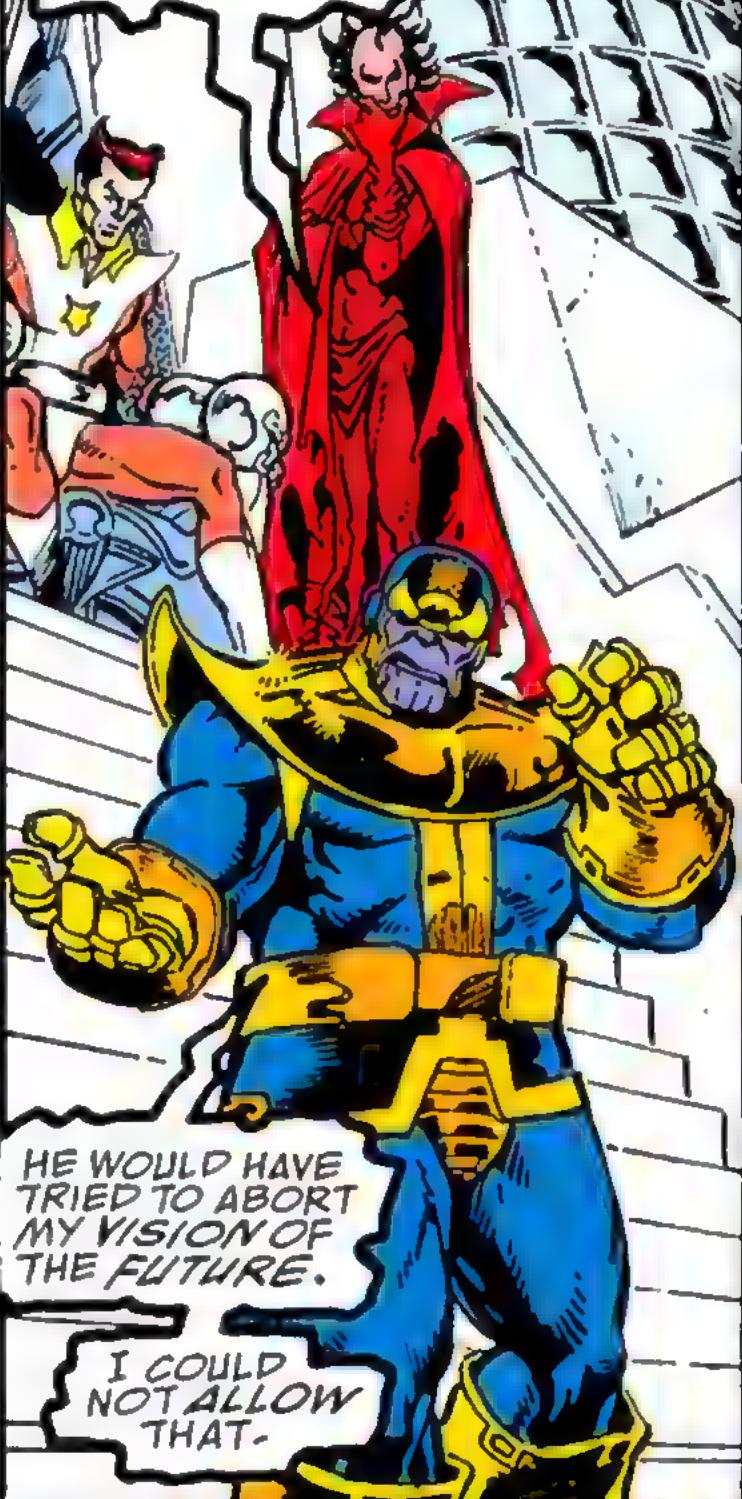


--NOR WILL HE BE.

FATHER WAS A DANGEROUS MAN... WHICH IS WHY I MADE SURE HE WAS AMONG THE DIS- APPEARED.

ULTIMATE POWER IS NOW MINE AND I SHALL RESHAPE THE UNIVERSE WITH IT.

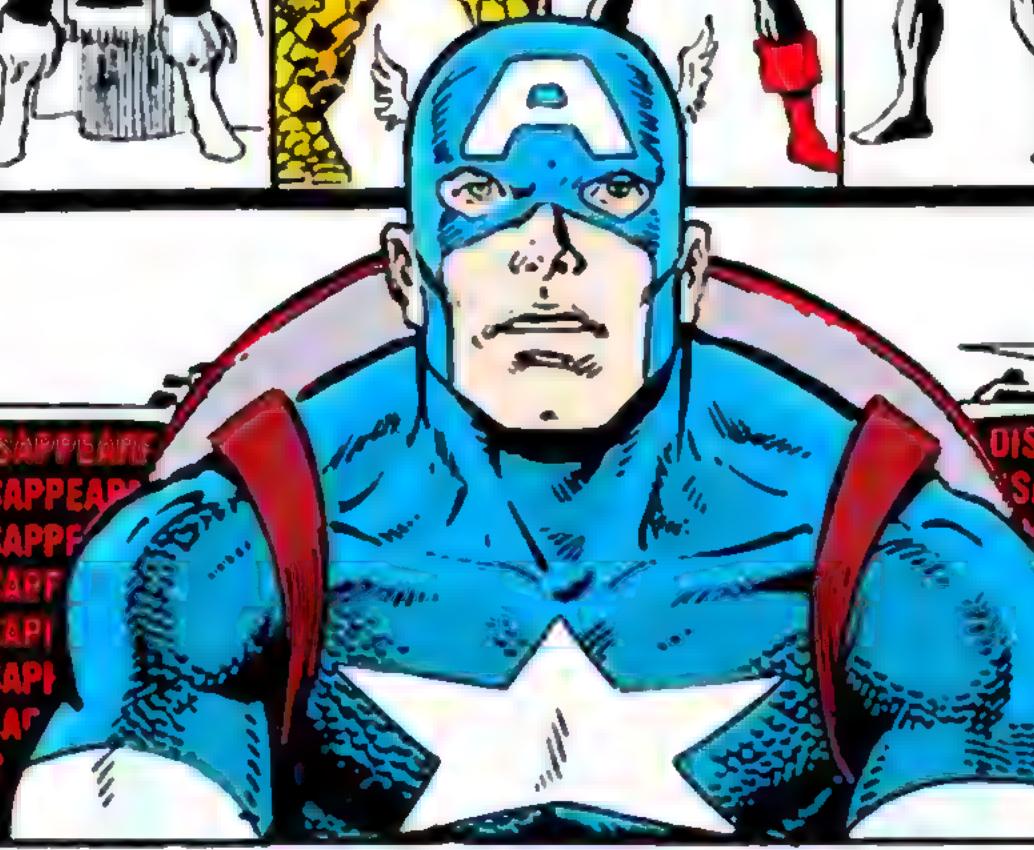
NOTHING MUST INTERFERE WITH THIS HOLY MISSION.



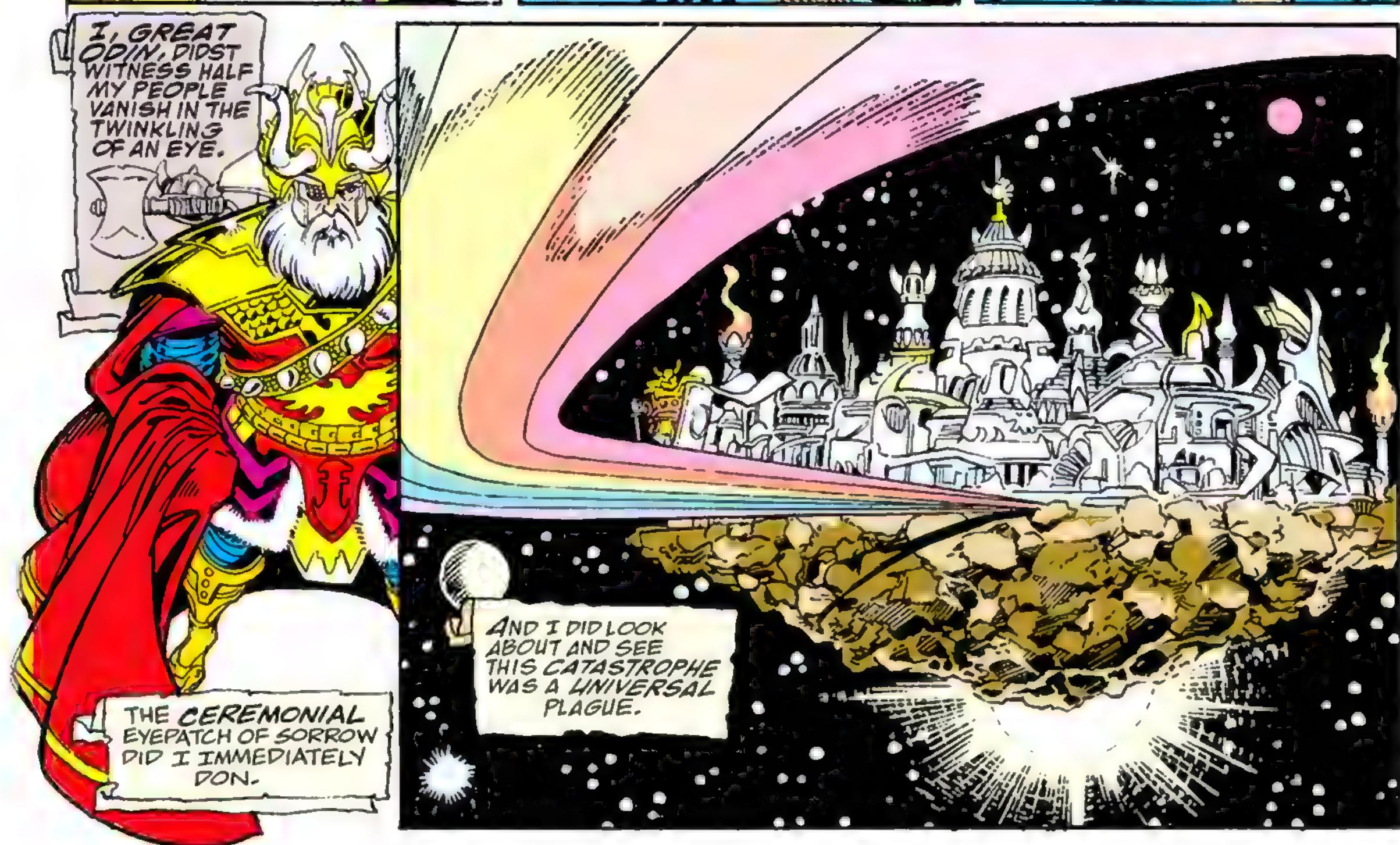
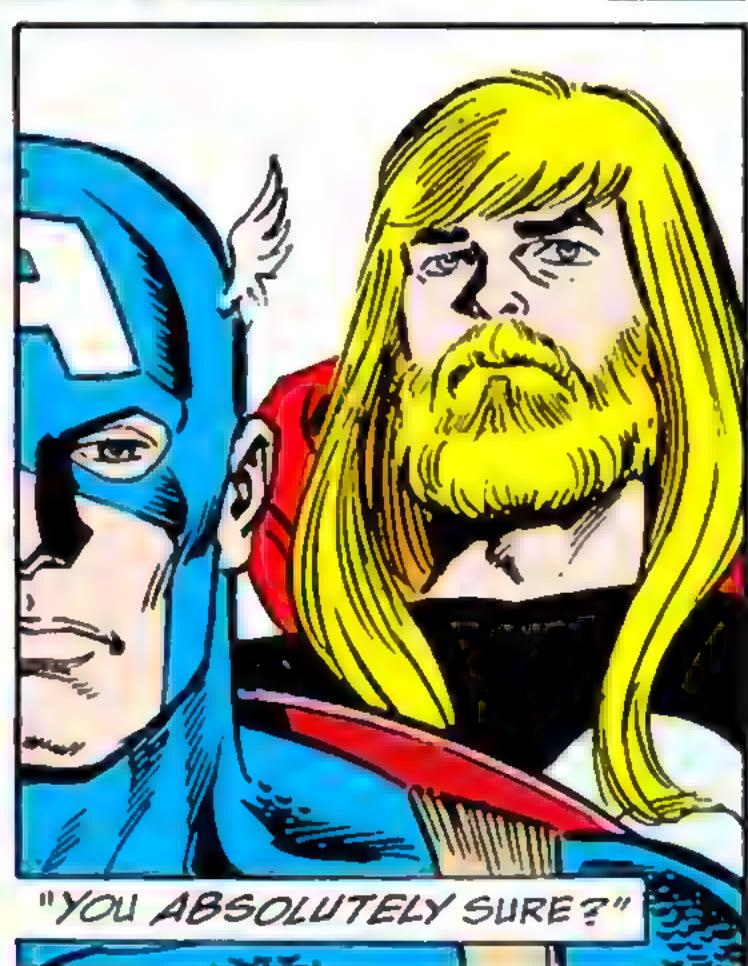
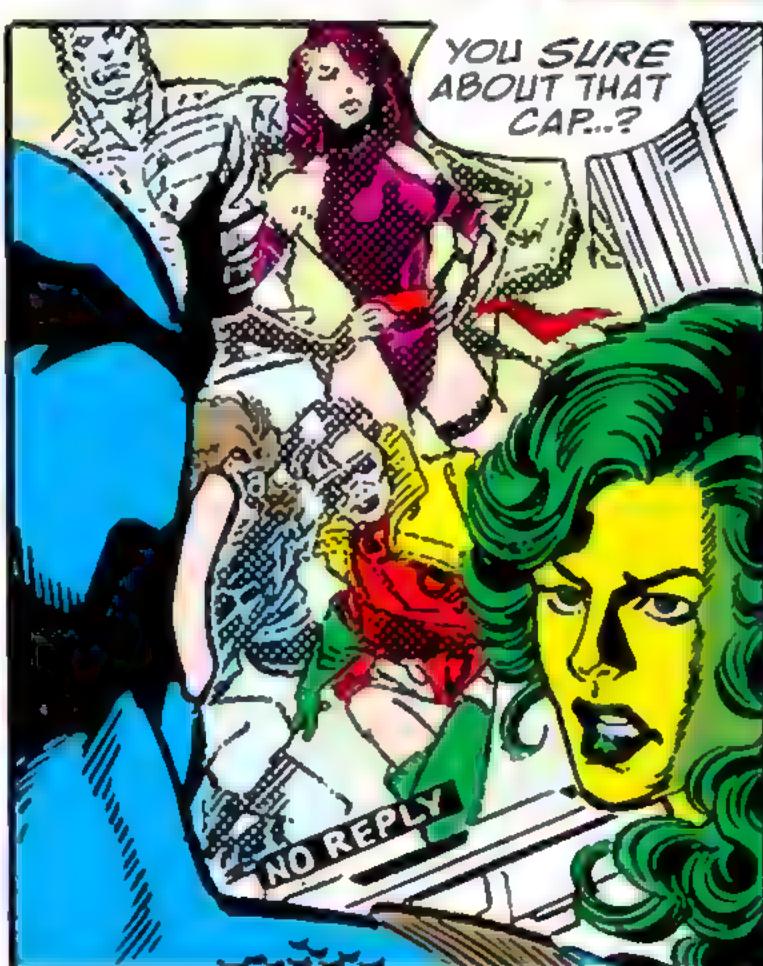
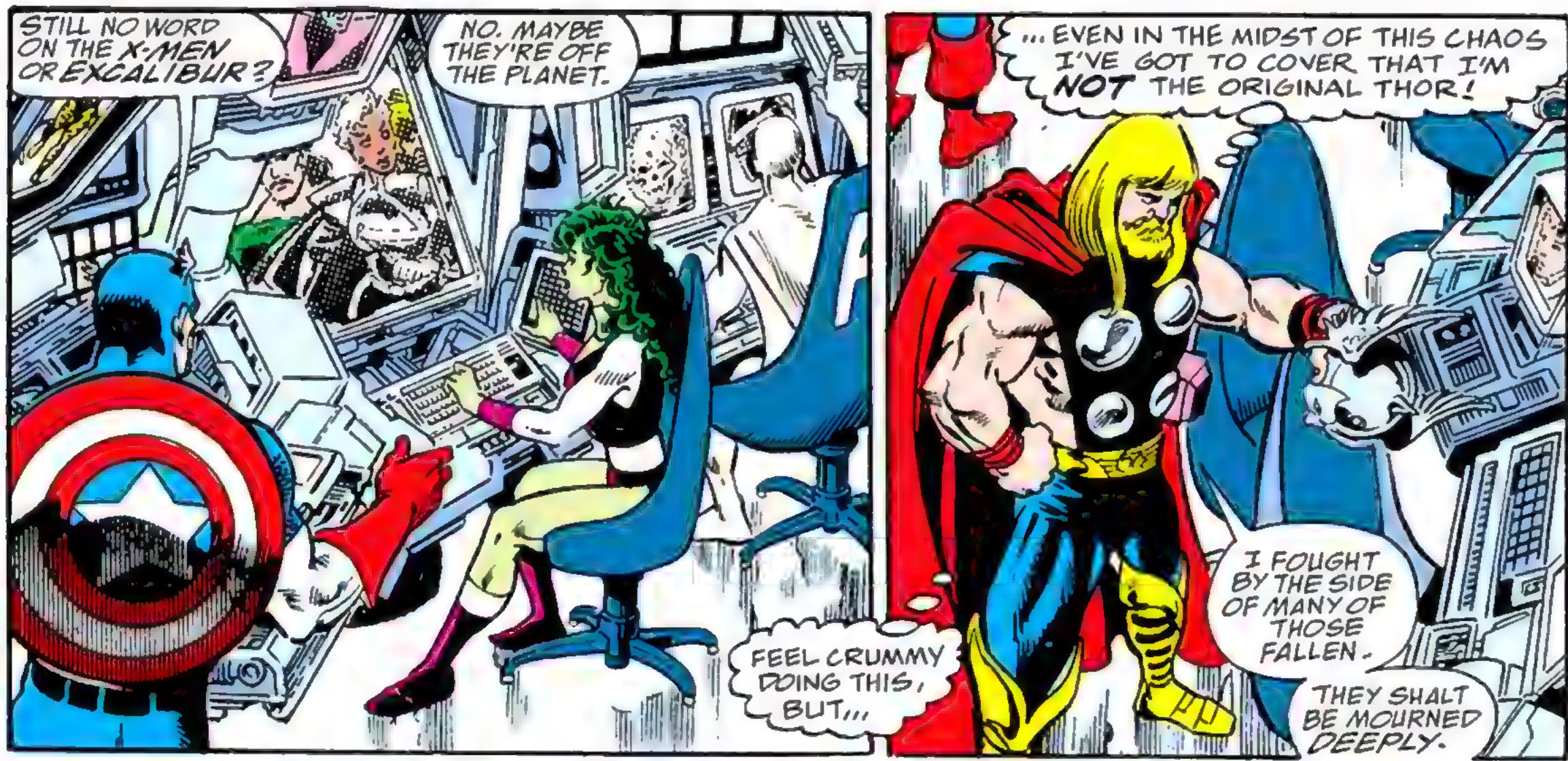


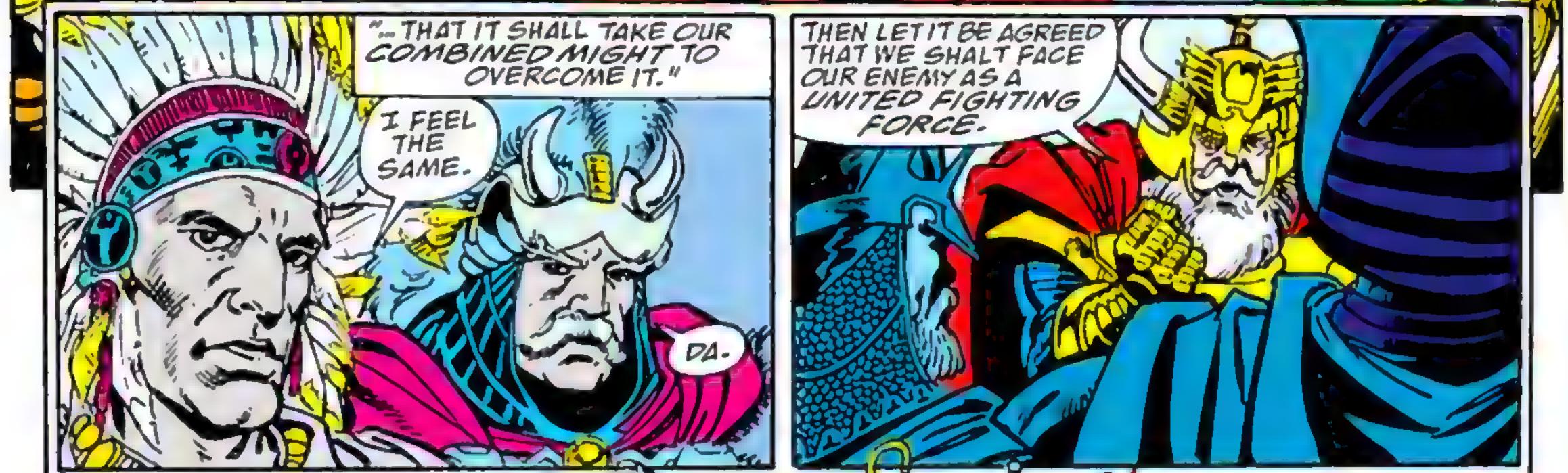
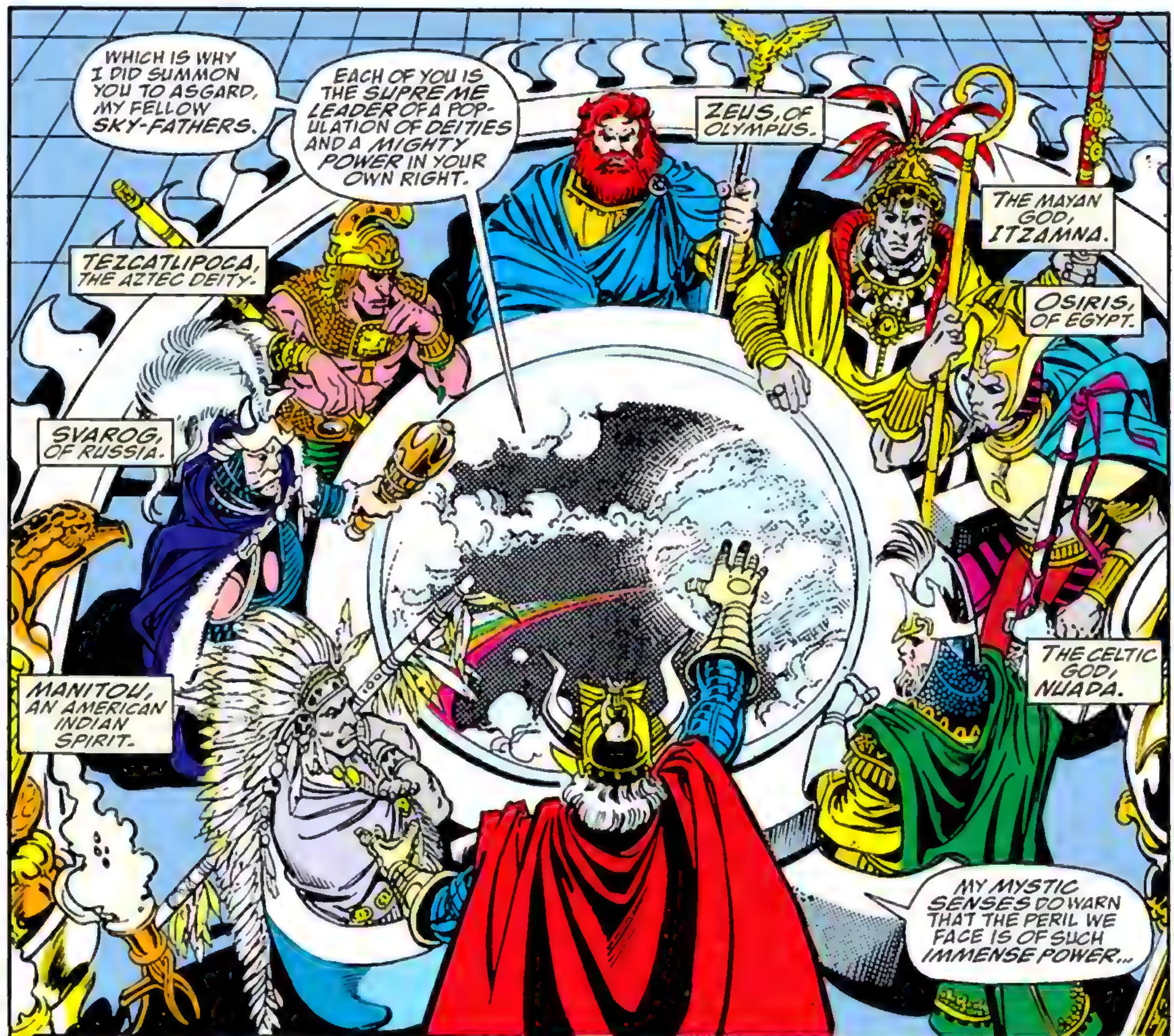
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HERE'S THE
UPDATE ON
THE TALLY OF
DIS-
APPEARED
SUPER
HEROES.





2000 LIGHT
YEARS FROM
EARTH.

WELL,
WE'RE
HERE.

NOW
WHAT?

NOW WE
WAIT
PATIENTLY.

WAIT FOR
WHAT?

FOR THE
MOMENT
TO HAPPEN.

I'M STILL
COOLIN' MY
HEELS IN THAT
ROACH-
MOTEL,
WAITIN' FOR
THE BOSS MAN
TO MAKE HIS
GRAND RE-
TURN FROM
THE LAND OF
SLEEPIN'-BAG
COCOONS.

LUCKILY, I
FINALLY FOUND A
CHANNEL ON THE
BOOB TUBE
THAT WASN'T
OBSESSED
WITH FILLIN'
EVERY SECOND
OF AIR TIME
WITH COVERAGE
ON THE
GREAT
DISAPPEAR-
ANCE.

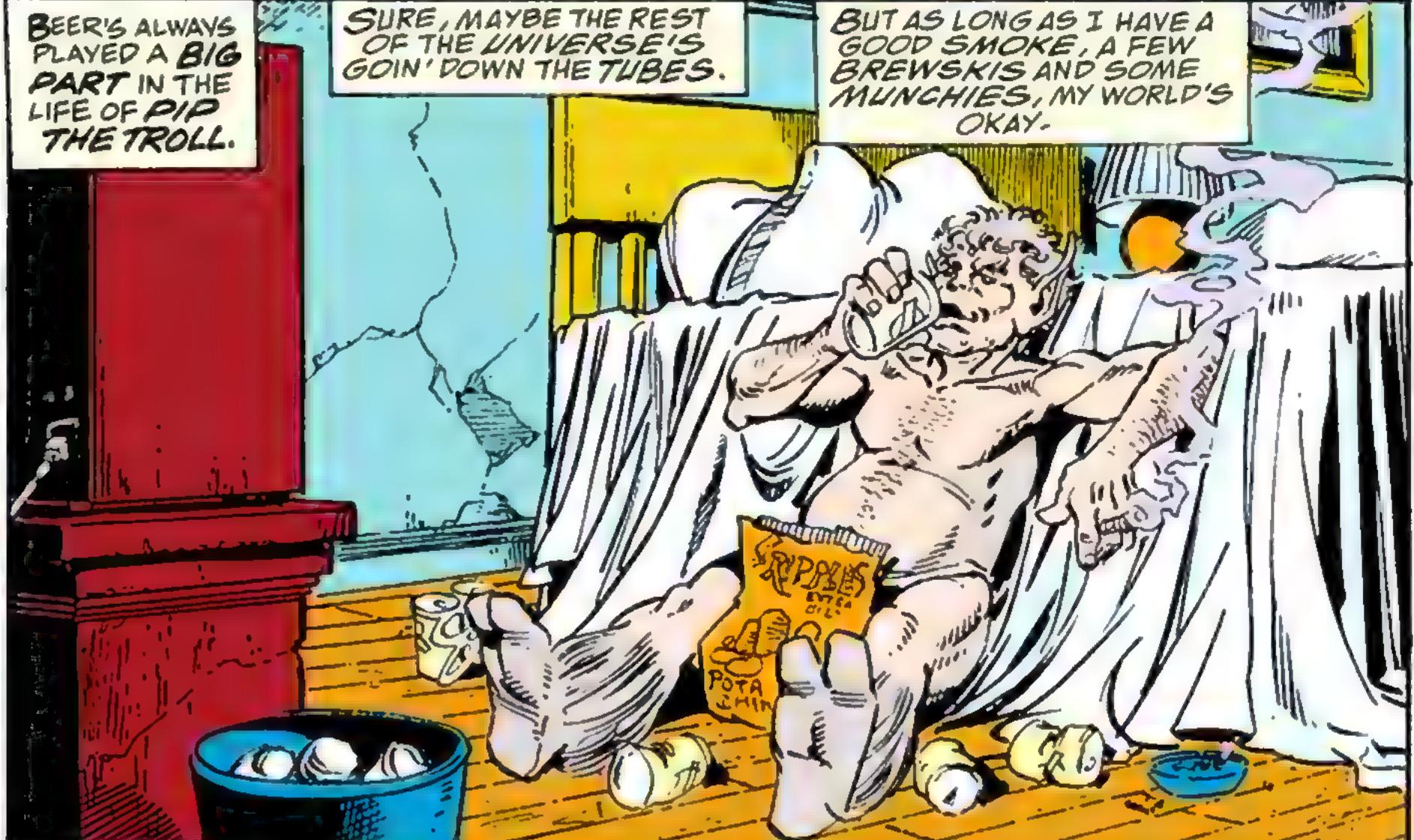
WHO WOULD'A
THOUGHT THIS
PLANET CAPABLE
OF SUCH HIGH-
BROW
ENTERTAIN-
MENT?

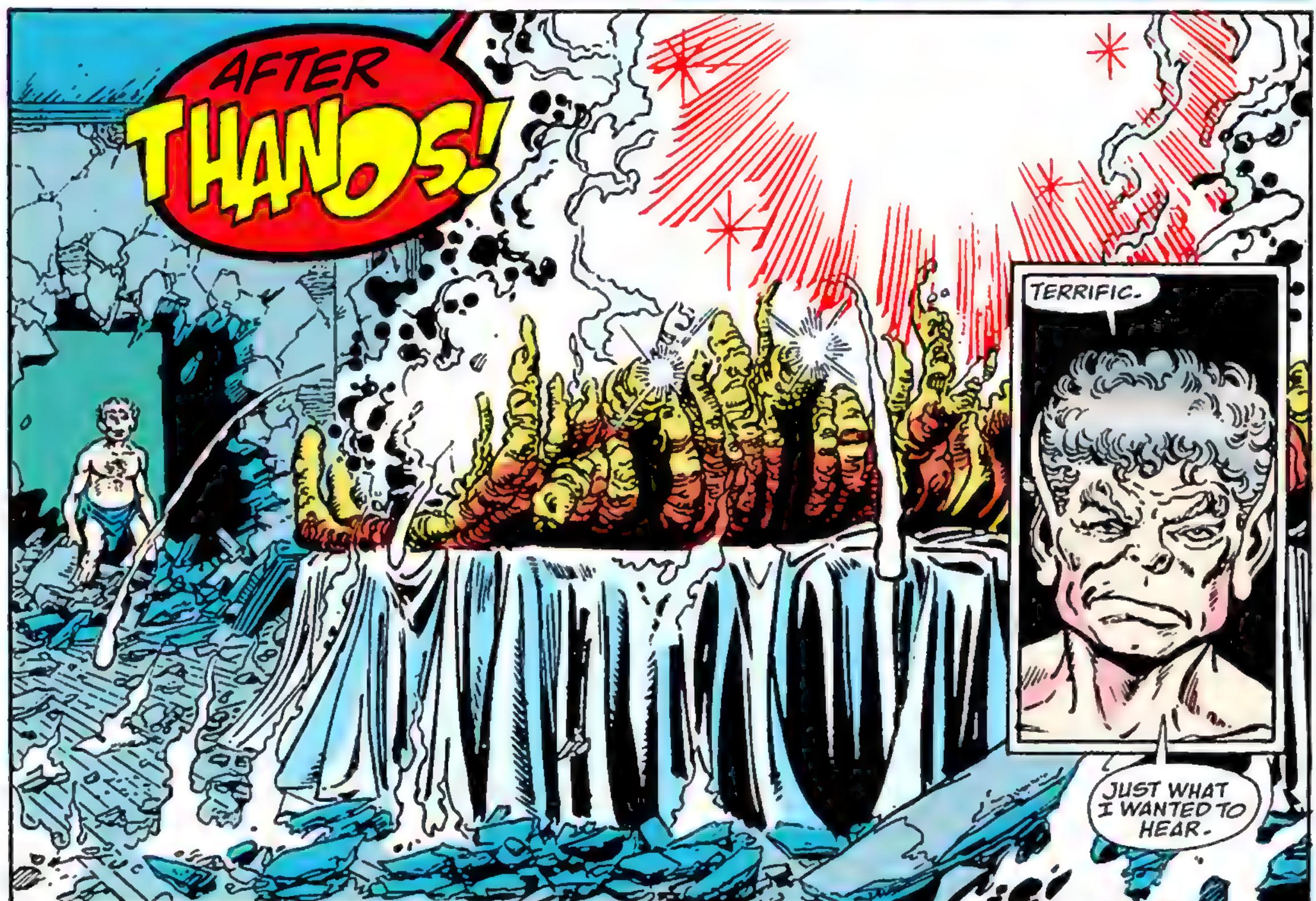
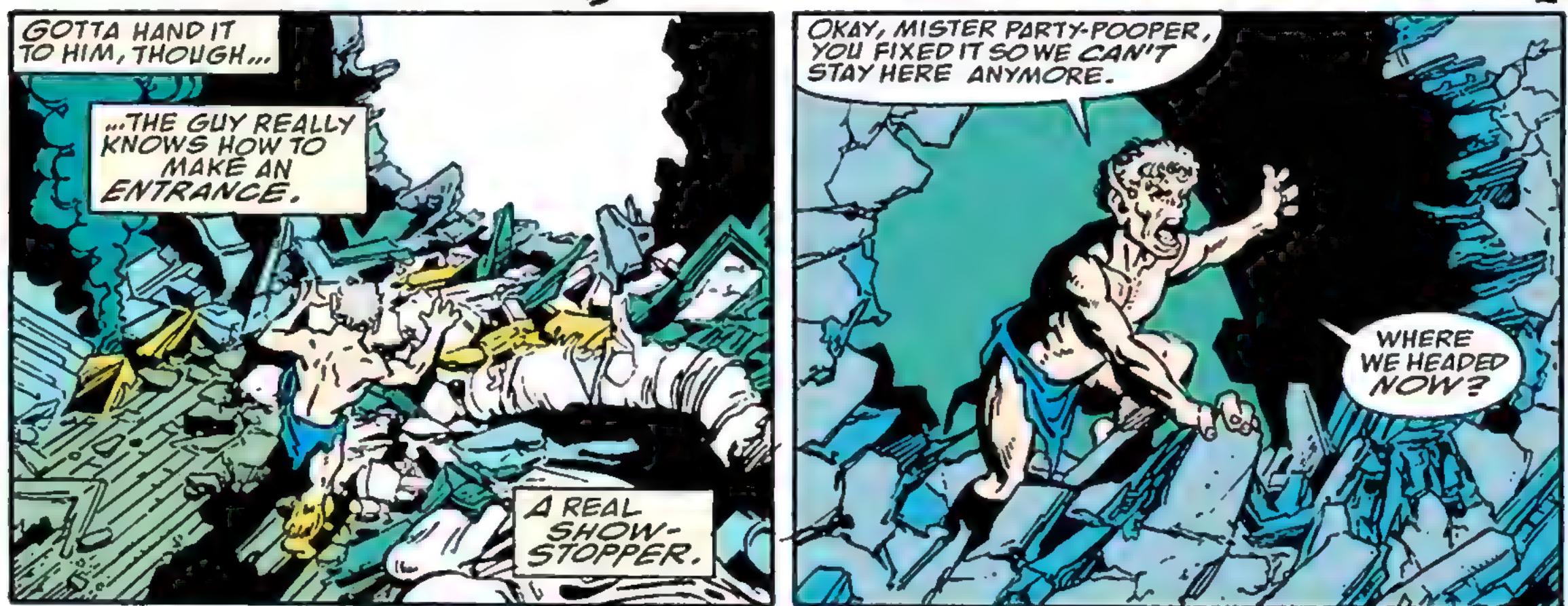
BEER'S ALWAYS
PLAYED A BIG
PART IN THE
LIFE OF PIP
THE TROLL.

SURE, MAYBE THE REST
OF THE UNIVERSE'S
GOIN' DOWN THE TUBES.

BUT AS LONG AS I HAVE A
GOOD SMOKE, A FEW
BREWSKIS AND SOME
MUNCHIES, MY WORLD'S
OKAY.

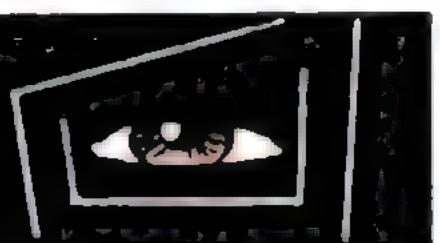
ALSO LIKE
THE WAY THEY
BREW THEIR
ROTGUT
HERE.





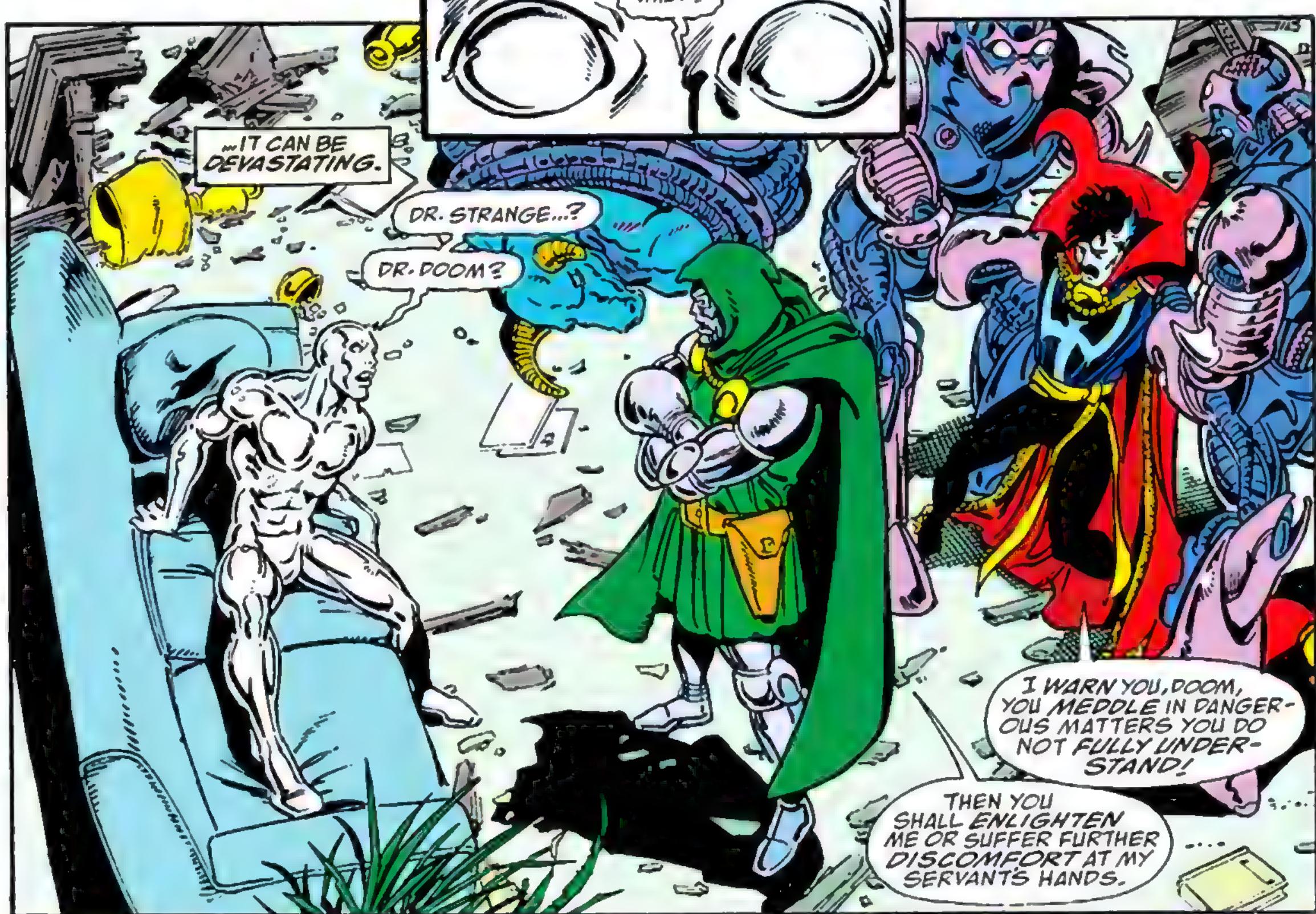
AT THE BEST OF TIMES...

...THE RESUMPTION OF LOST CONSCIOUSNESS...

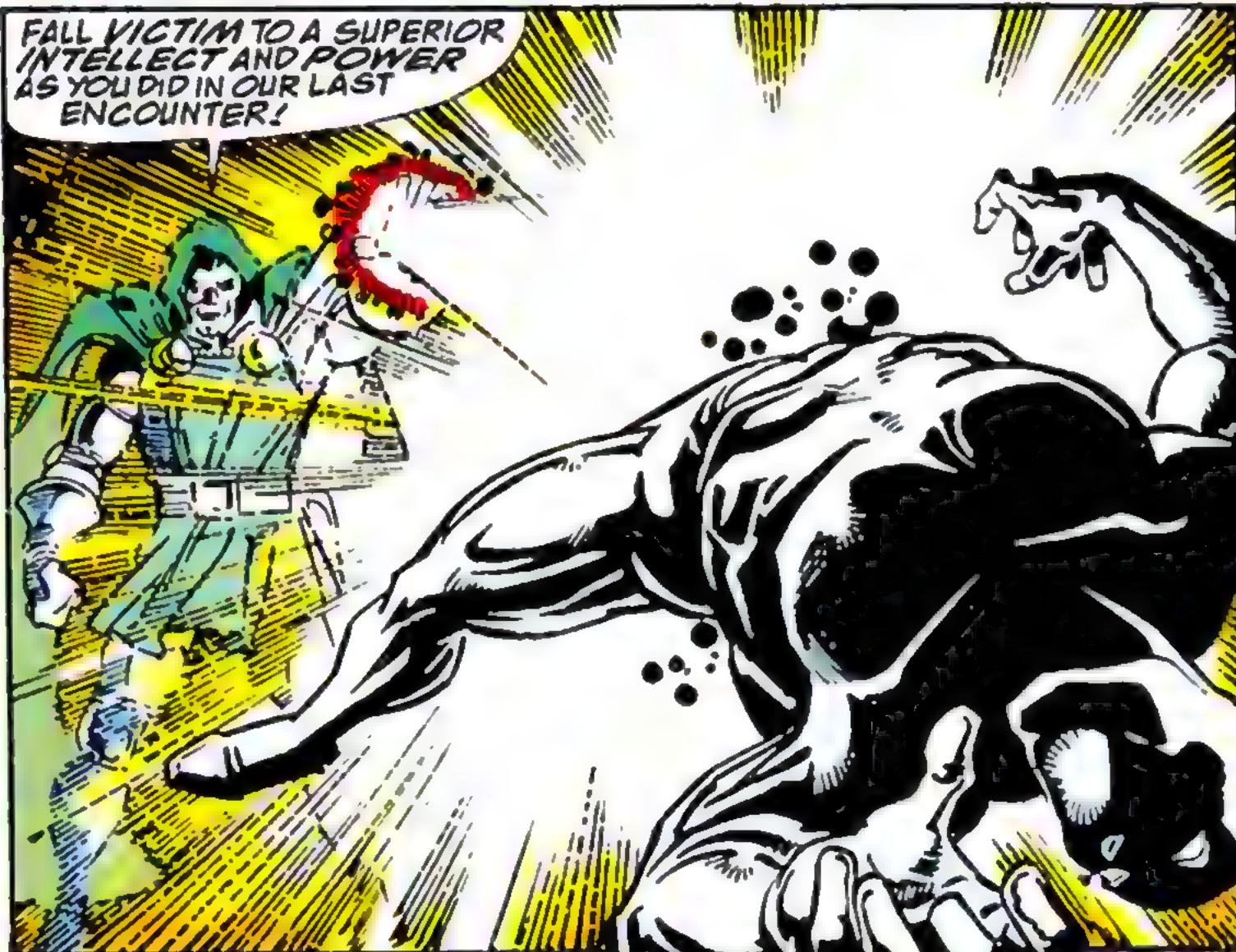


...IS A JARRING, DISORIENTING EXPERIENCE.

BUT AT A MOMENT LIKE THIS...



FALL VICTIM TO A SUPERIOR INTELLECT AND POWER AS YOU DID IN OUR LAST ENCOUNTER!



WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT I DID, BEING
TERRIBLY WEAKENED FROM MY EARLIER
BATTLE WITH THANOS'S STONE GOLEM.

FURTHER
TIME WAS
NEEDED FOR
MY STRENGTH
TO RENEW
ITSELF.

NOW, STRANGE, YOU WILL
BRIEF ME ON EVERY-
THING YOU KNOW...

...OF THE GREAT
DISAPPEARANCE AND THE
FORCES BEHIND IT...!

YOU
SHALL
SPEAK...

...OR I
WILL...

THERE IS NO
NEED TO THREATEN
ANYONE, MY GOOD
DOCTOR.

IT WILL BE MY PLEASURE
TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING
YOU WISH TO KNOW.

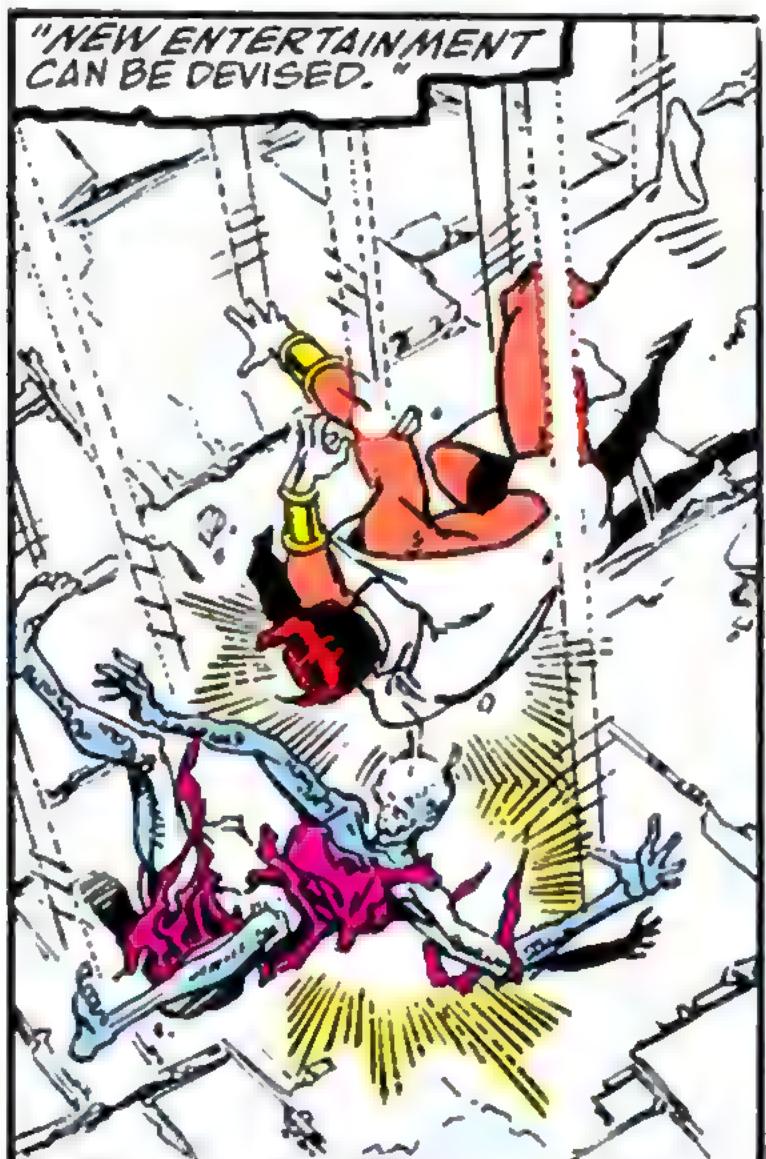
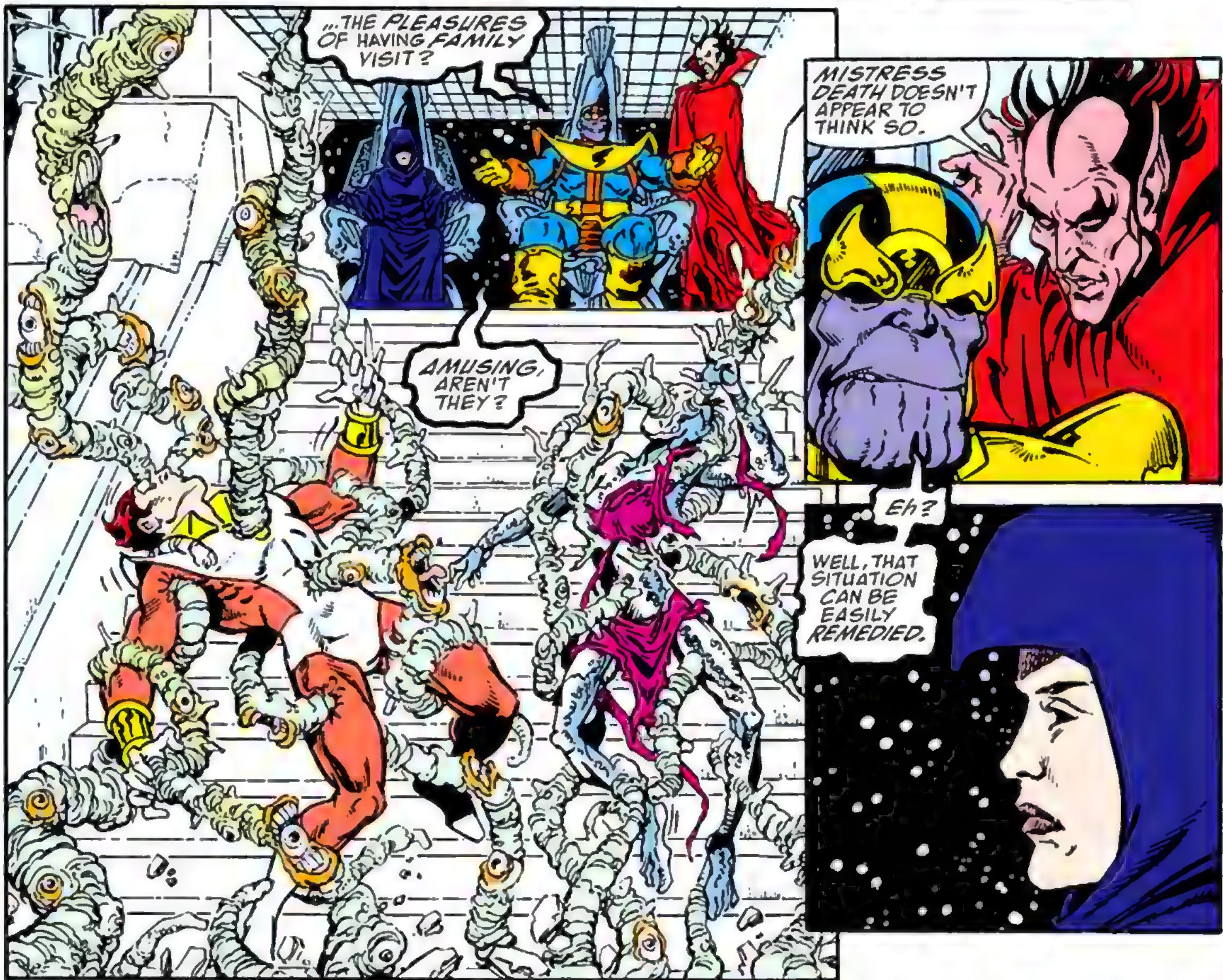
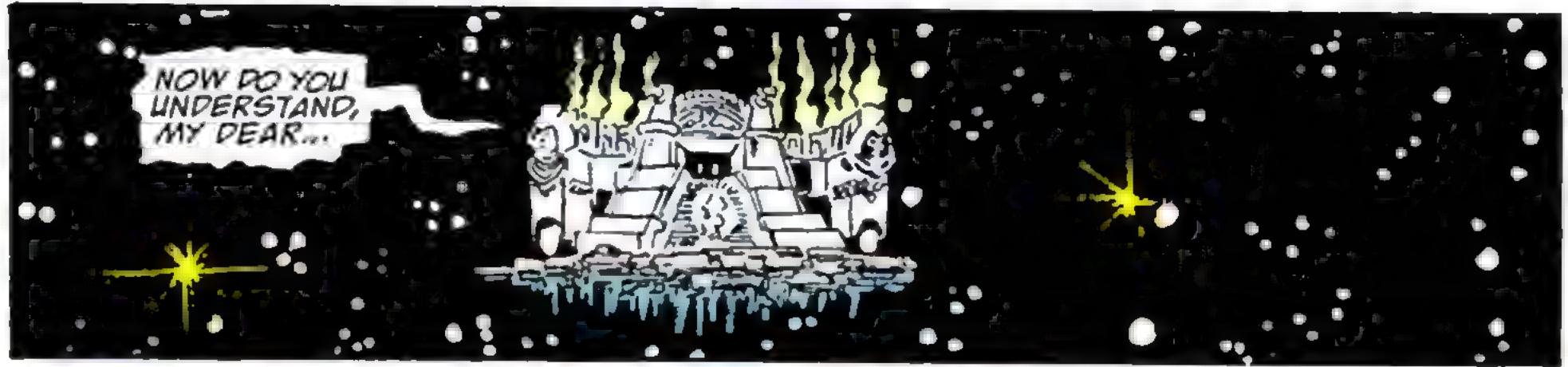
INTRUDER,
WHO ARE
YOU?

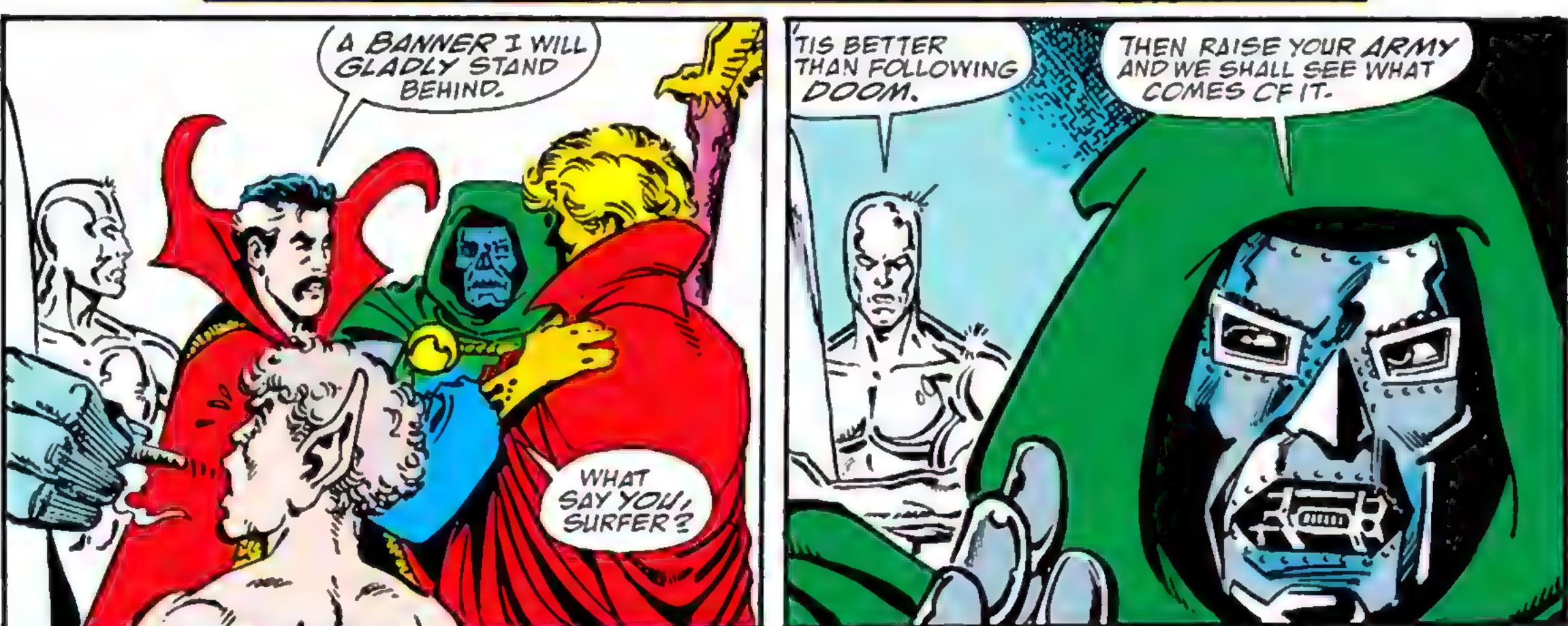
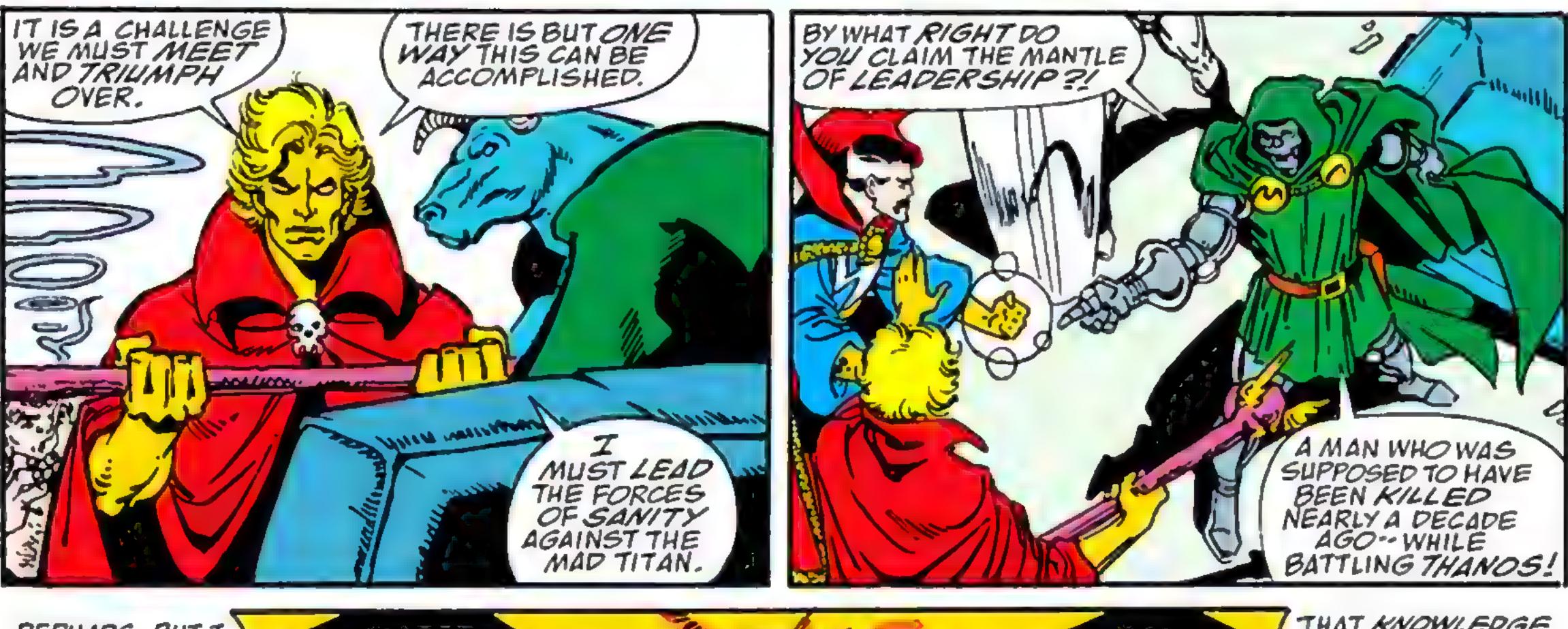
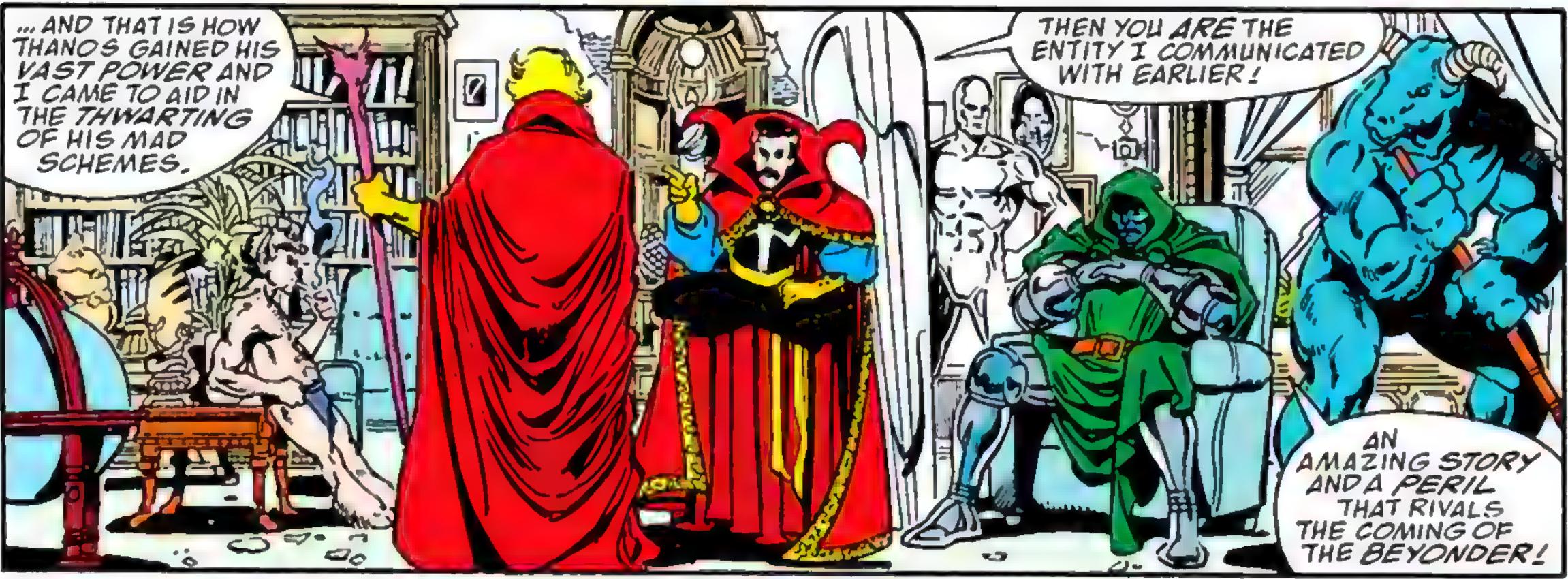
IN MY TIME,
MANY CALLED ME

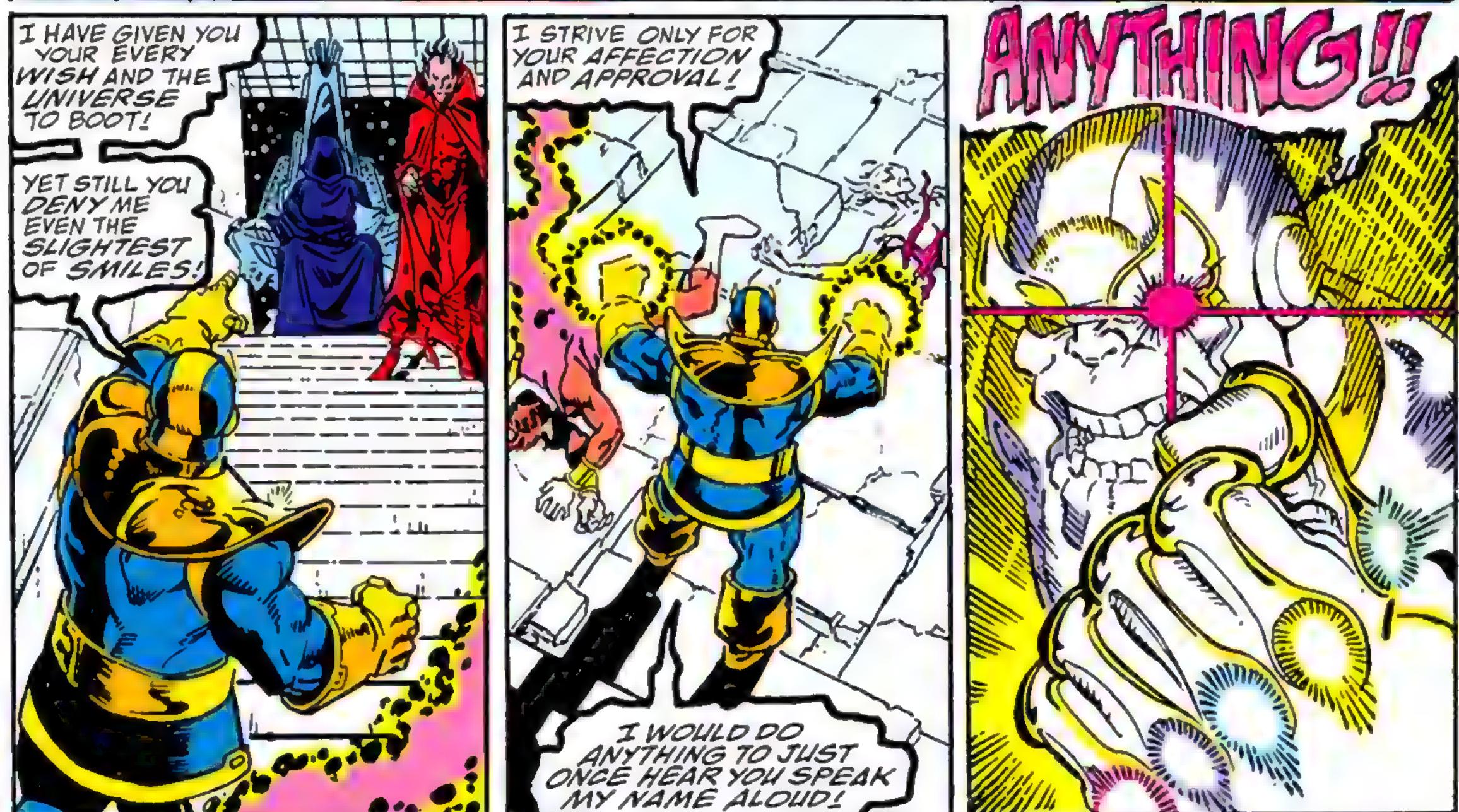
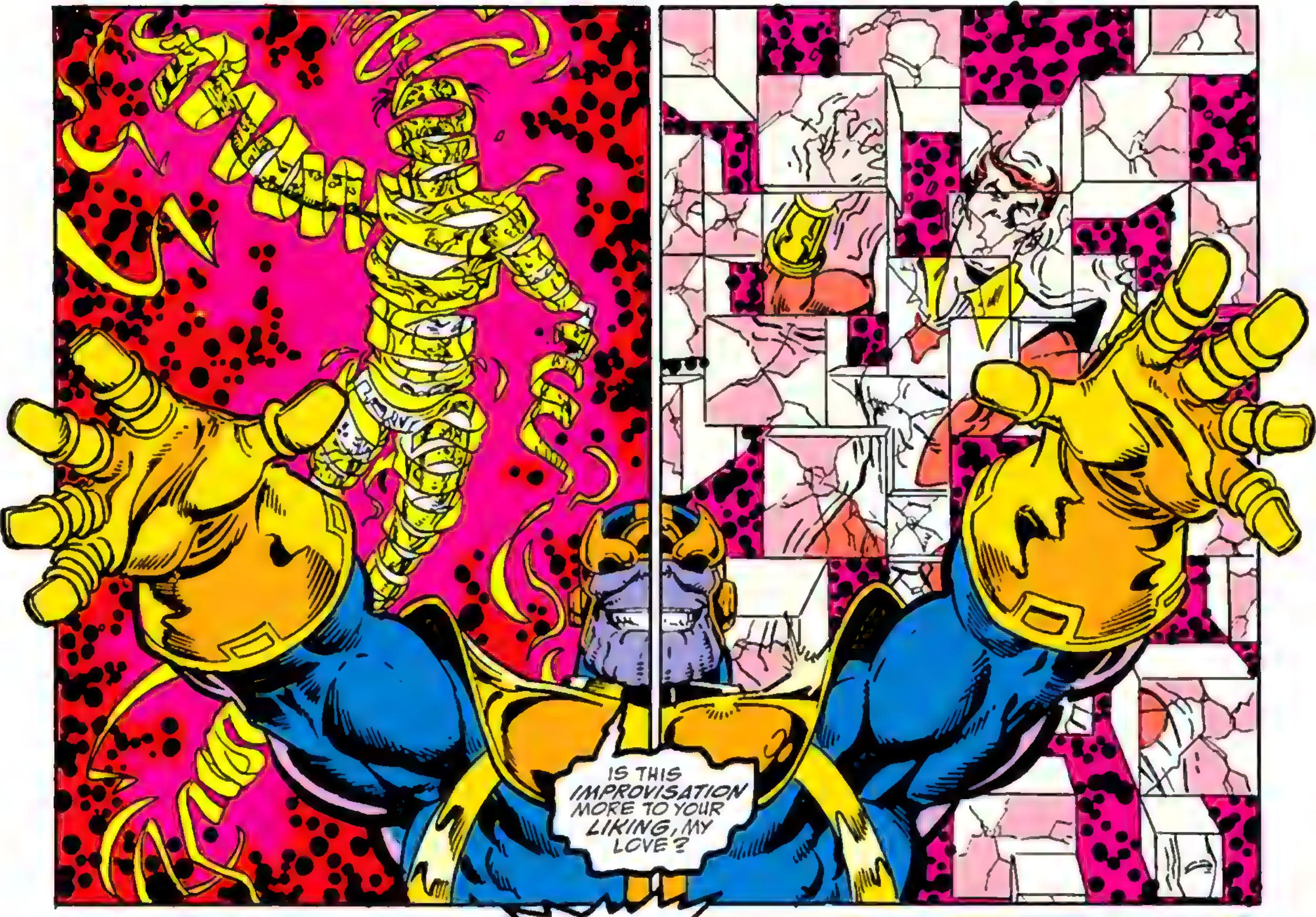
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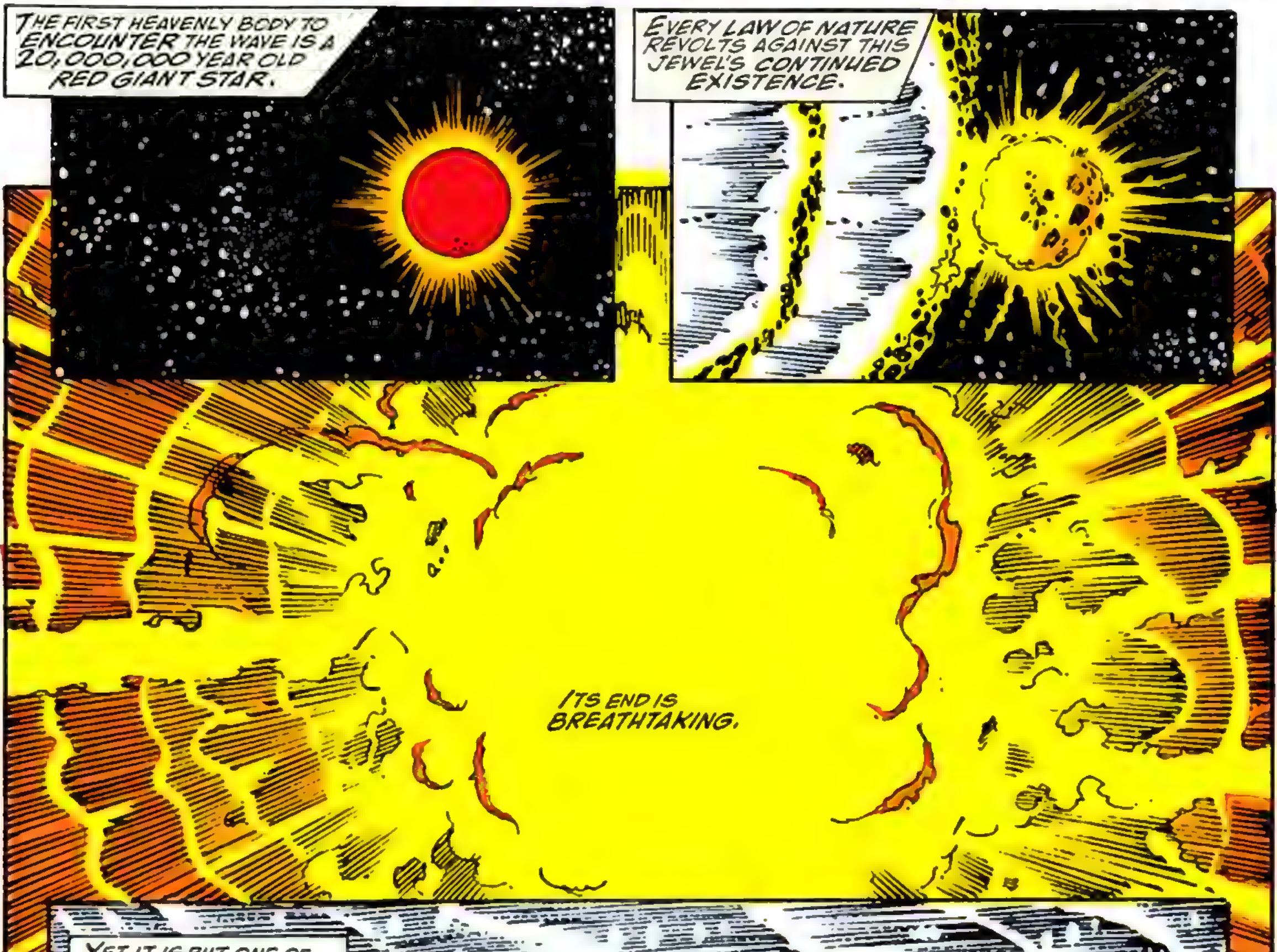
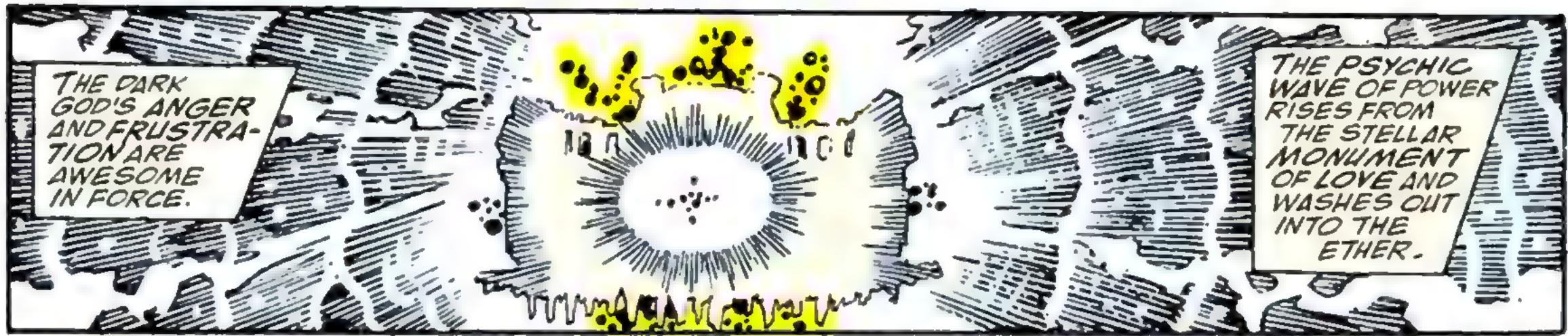
YOU MAY
DO SO ALSO,
IF YOU FEEL SO
INCLINED.

"A MAN WHO WAS SUPPOSED
TO HAVE BEEN KILLED
NEARLY A DECADE AGO
WHILE BATTLED THANOS."

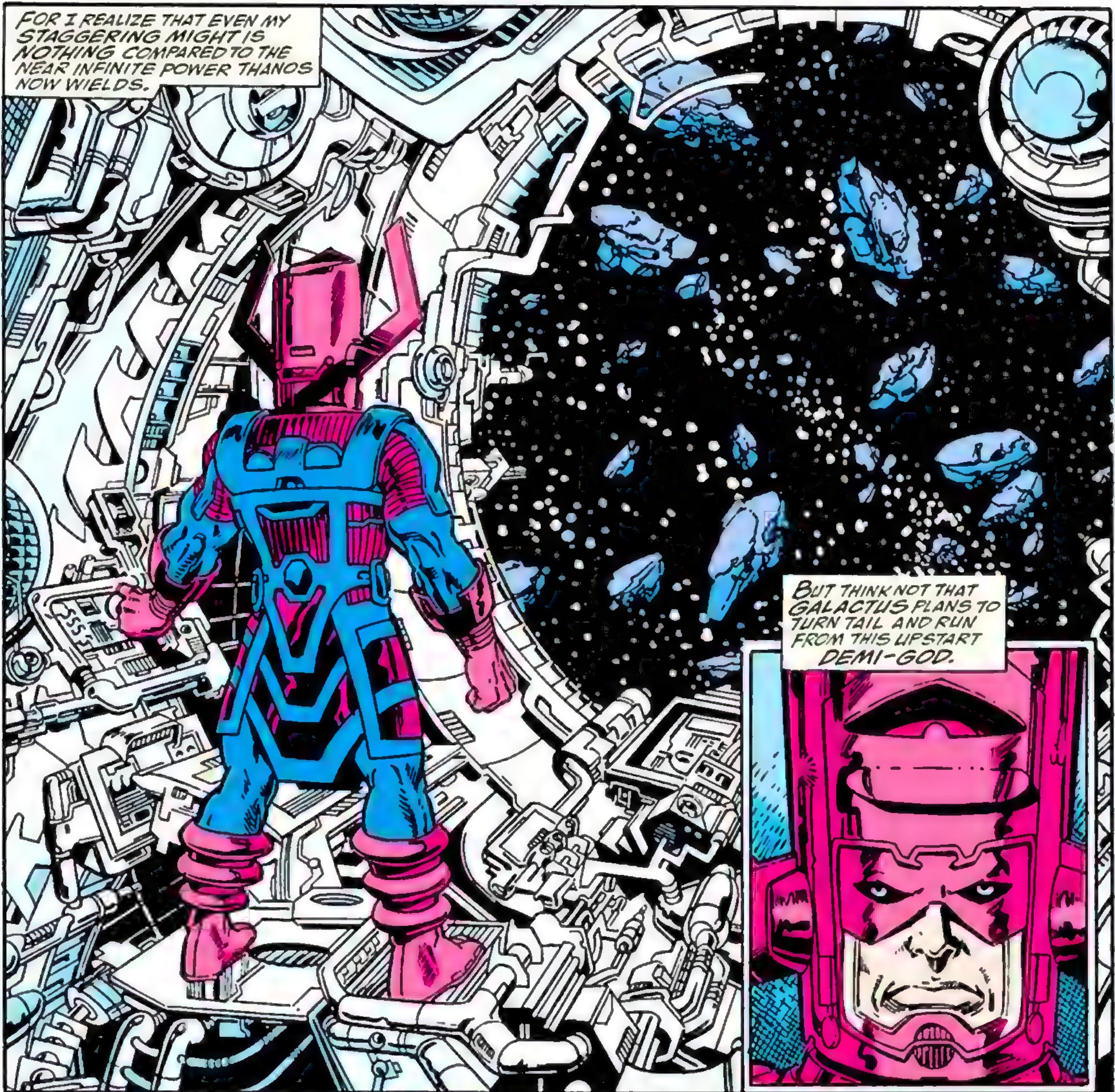








FOR I REALIZE THAT EVEN MY STAGGERING MIGHT IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE NEAR INFINITE POWER THANOS NOW WIELDS.

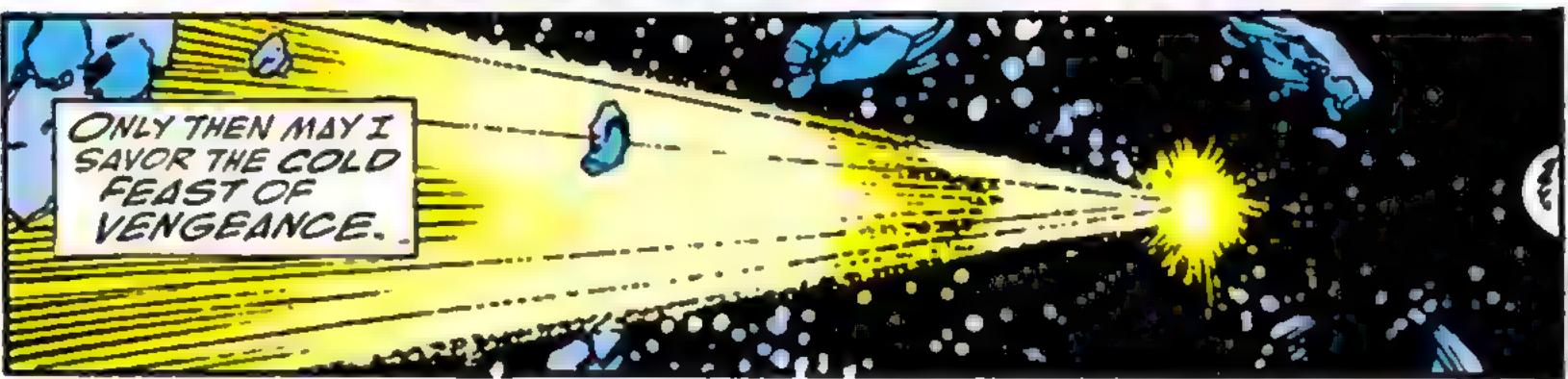
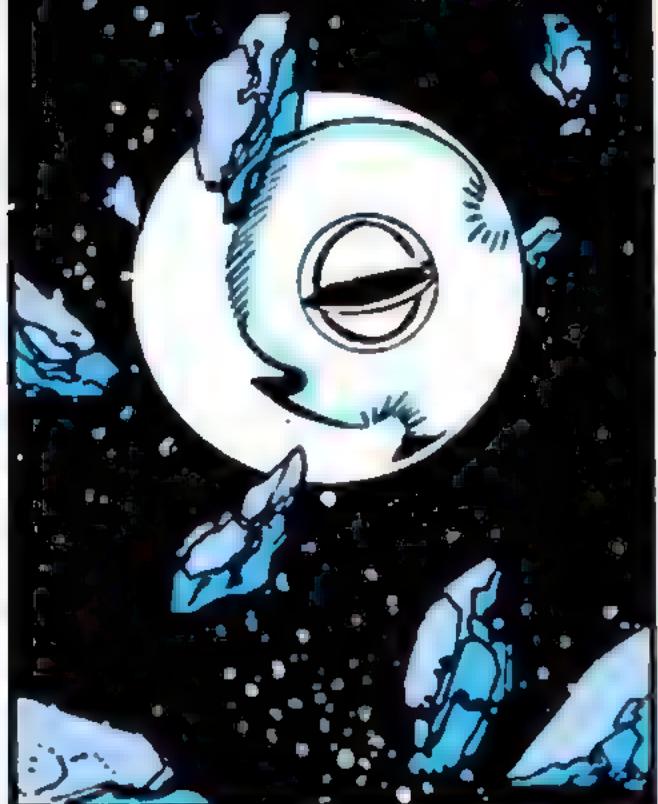


BUT THINK NOT THAT GALACTUS PLANS TO TURN TAIL AND RUN FROM THIS UPSTART DEMI-GOD.

GALACTUS IS A BEING OF POWER AND INTELLECT.

PLANS MUST BE CONCEIVED AND ALLIANCES FORMED.

ONLY THEN MAY I SAVOR THE COLD FEAST OF VENGEANCE.

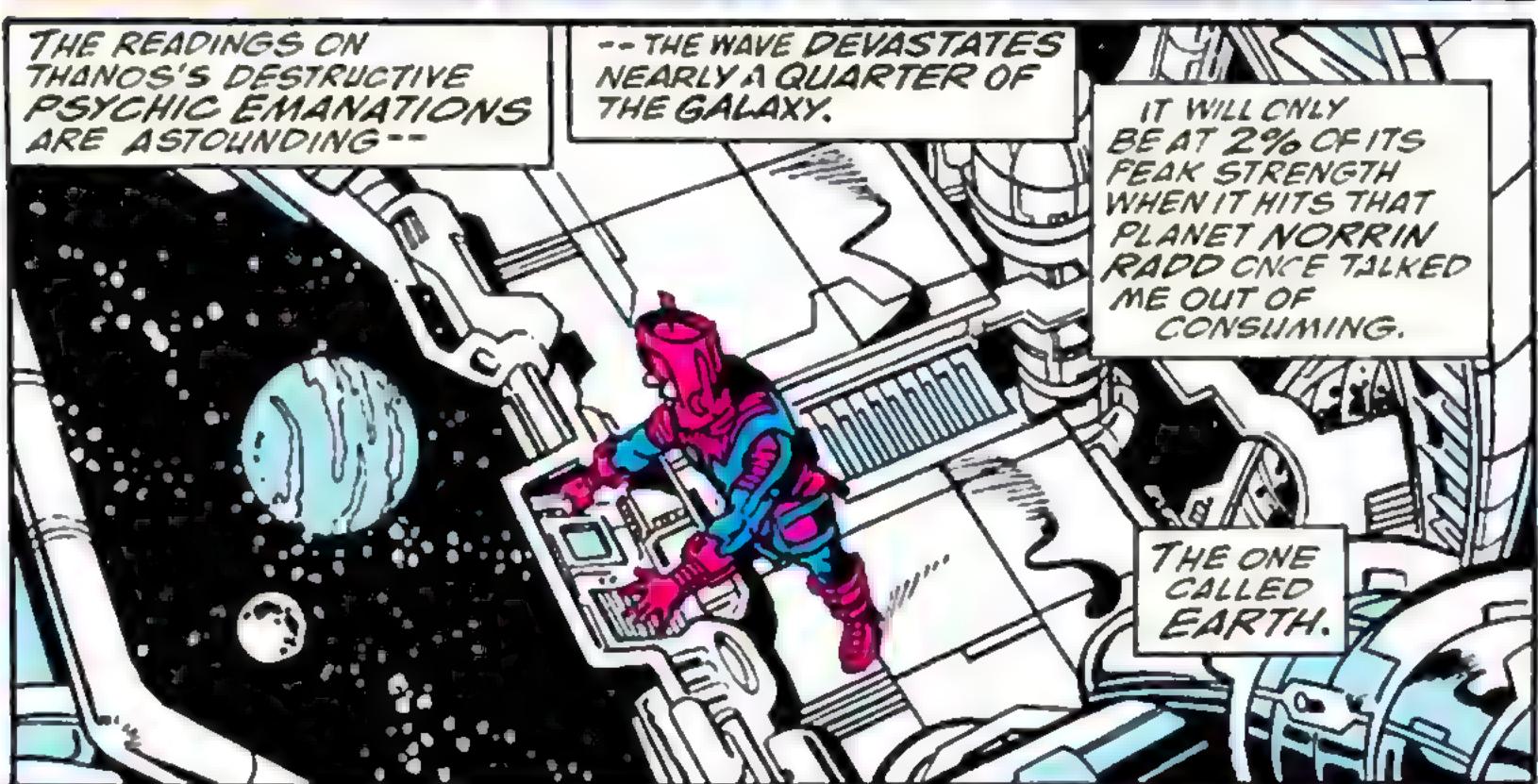


THE READINGS ON THANOS'S DESTRUCTIVE PSYCHIC EMANATIONS ARE ASTOUNDING --

-- THE WAVE DEVASTATES NEARLY A QUARTER OF THE GALAXY.

IT WILL ONLY BE AT 2% OF ITS PEAK STRENGTH WHEN IT HITS THAT PLANET NORRIN RADD ONCE TALKED ME OUT OF CONSUMING.

THE ONE CALLED EARTH.



I AM LOST.

DAGGER IS GONE.

THE TRUTH IS I HAVE
NO REASON TO.

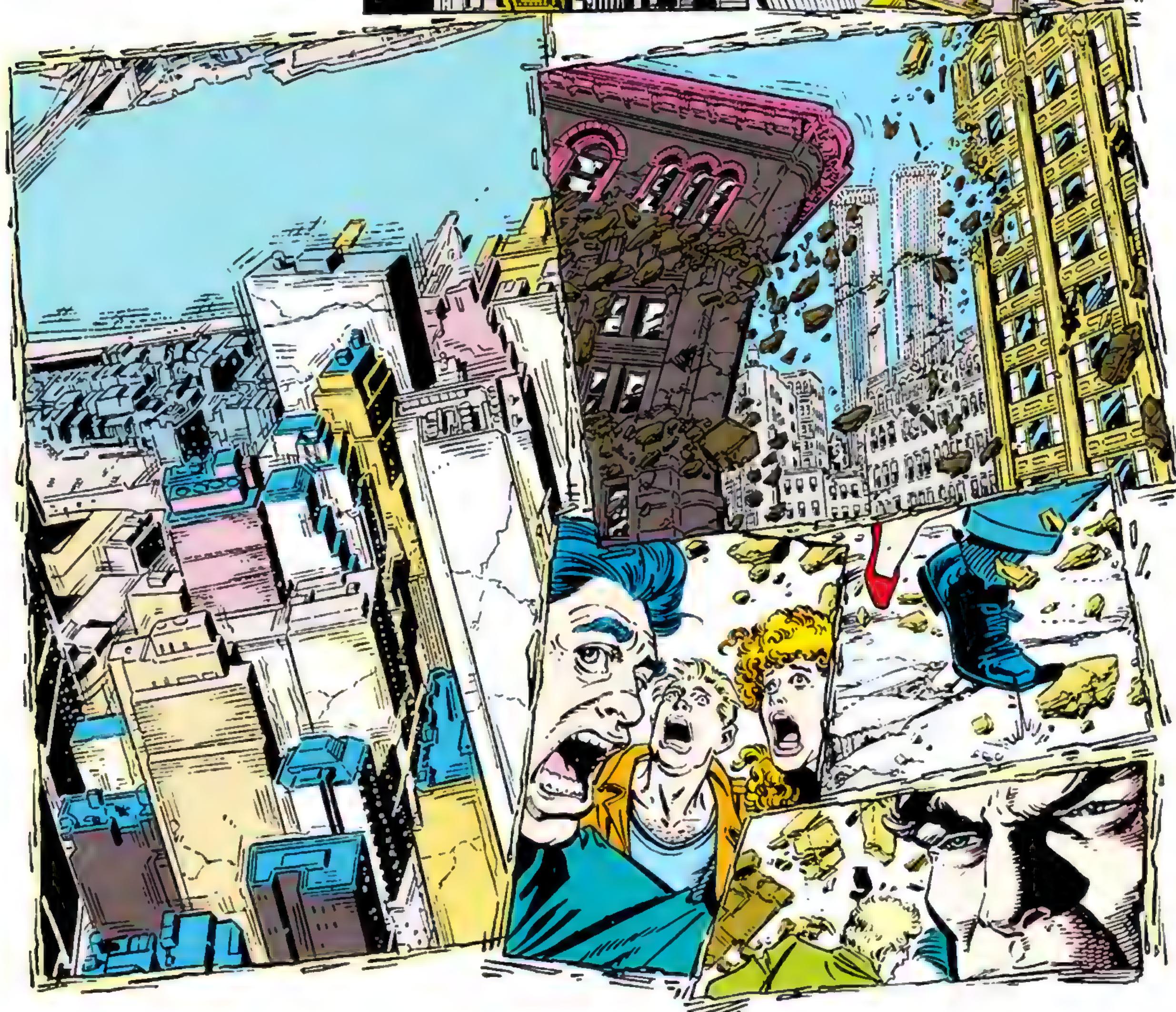
THE LADY AND I WERE
LINKED IN SO MANY
WAYS, TWO HALVES
OF A WHOLE.

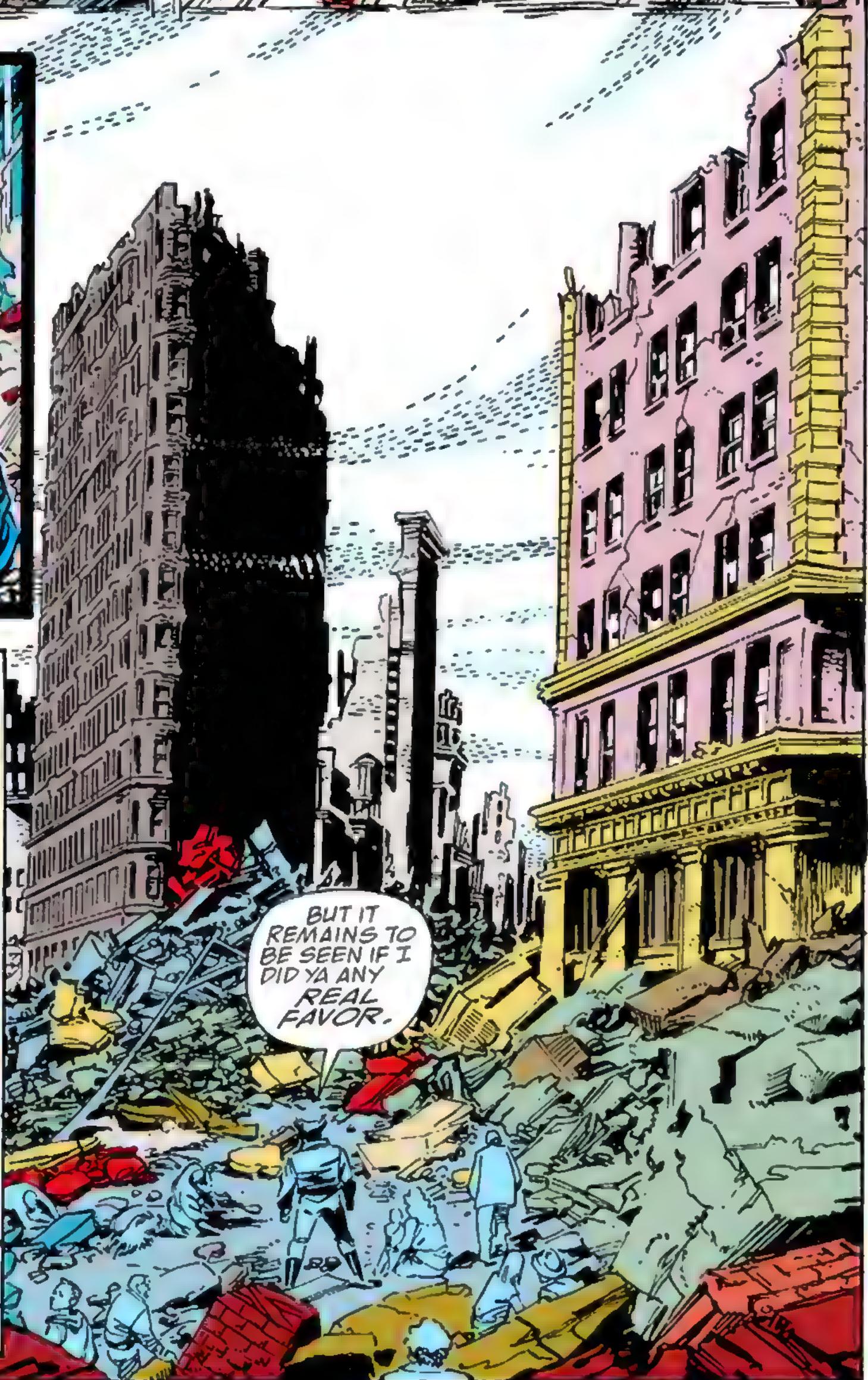
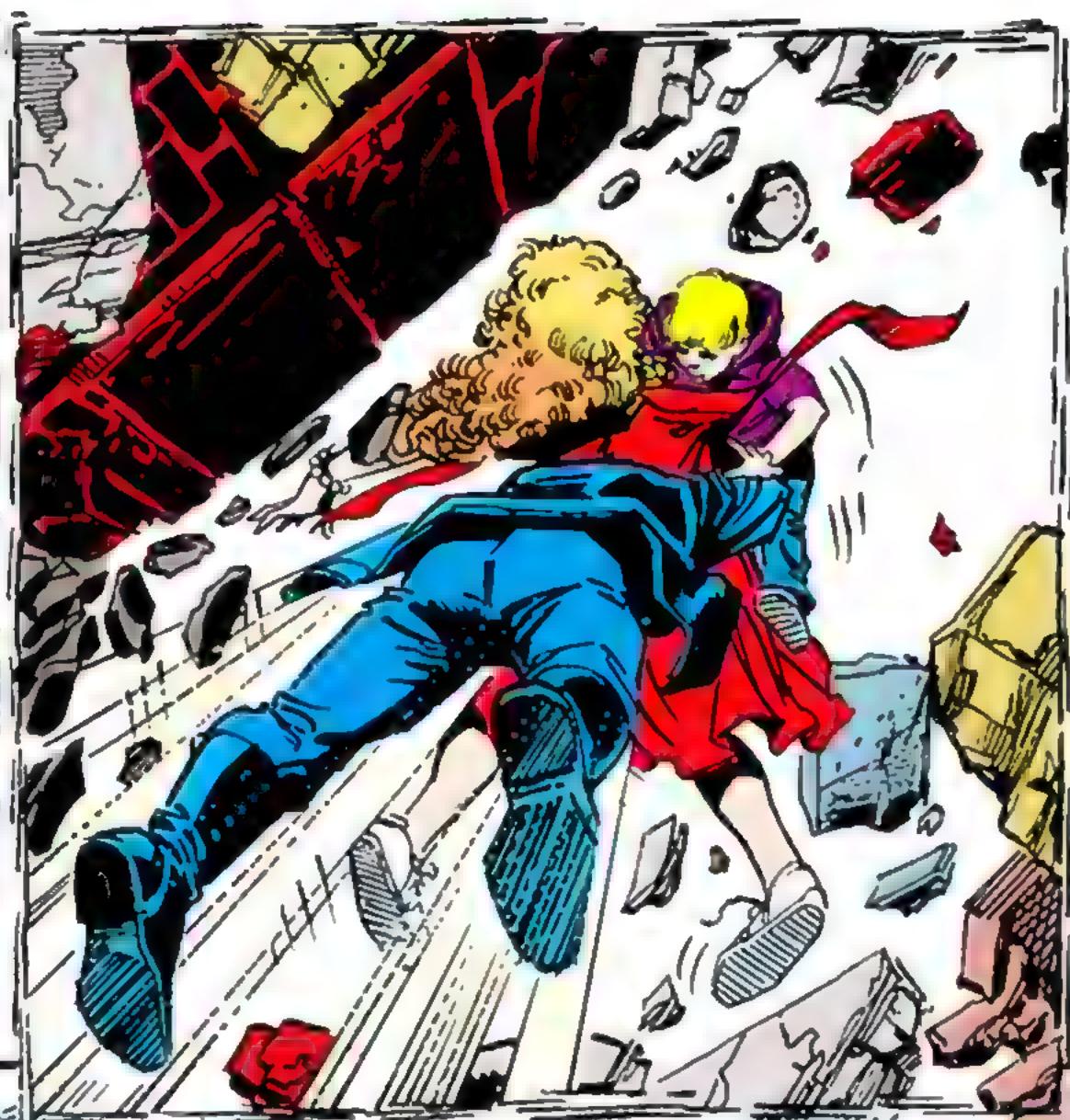
I AM BETTER OFF
DEAD.

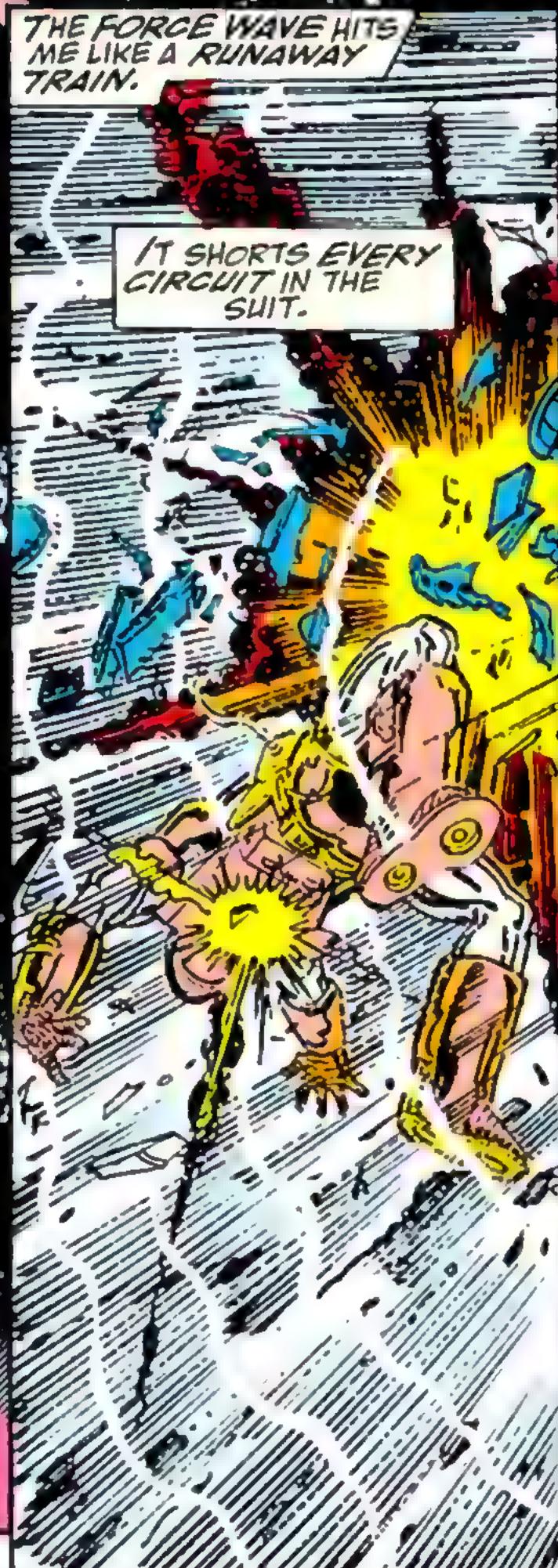
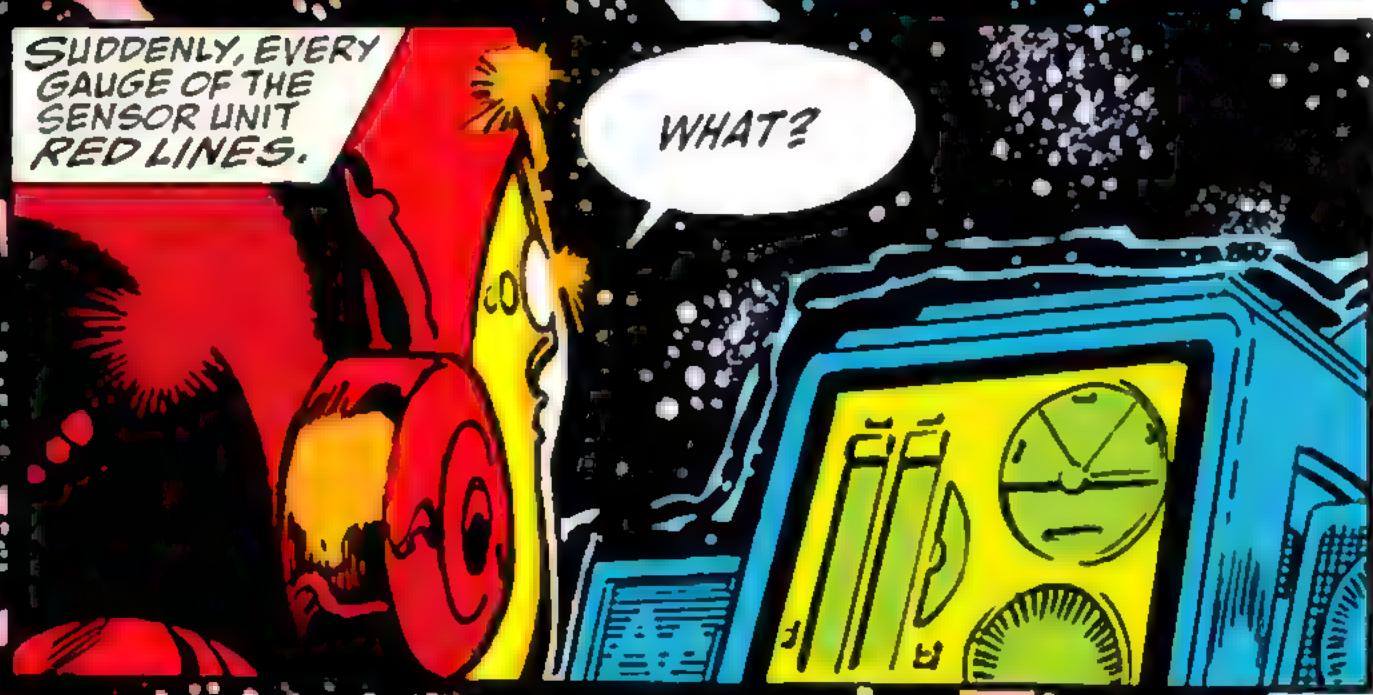
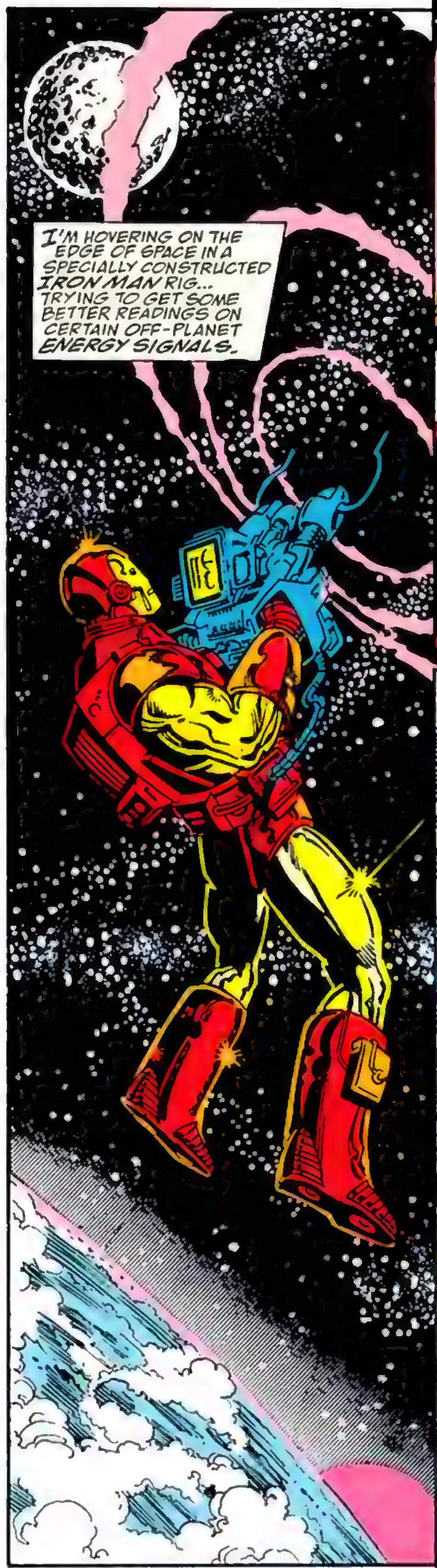
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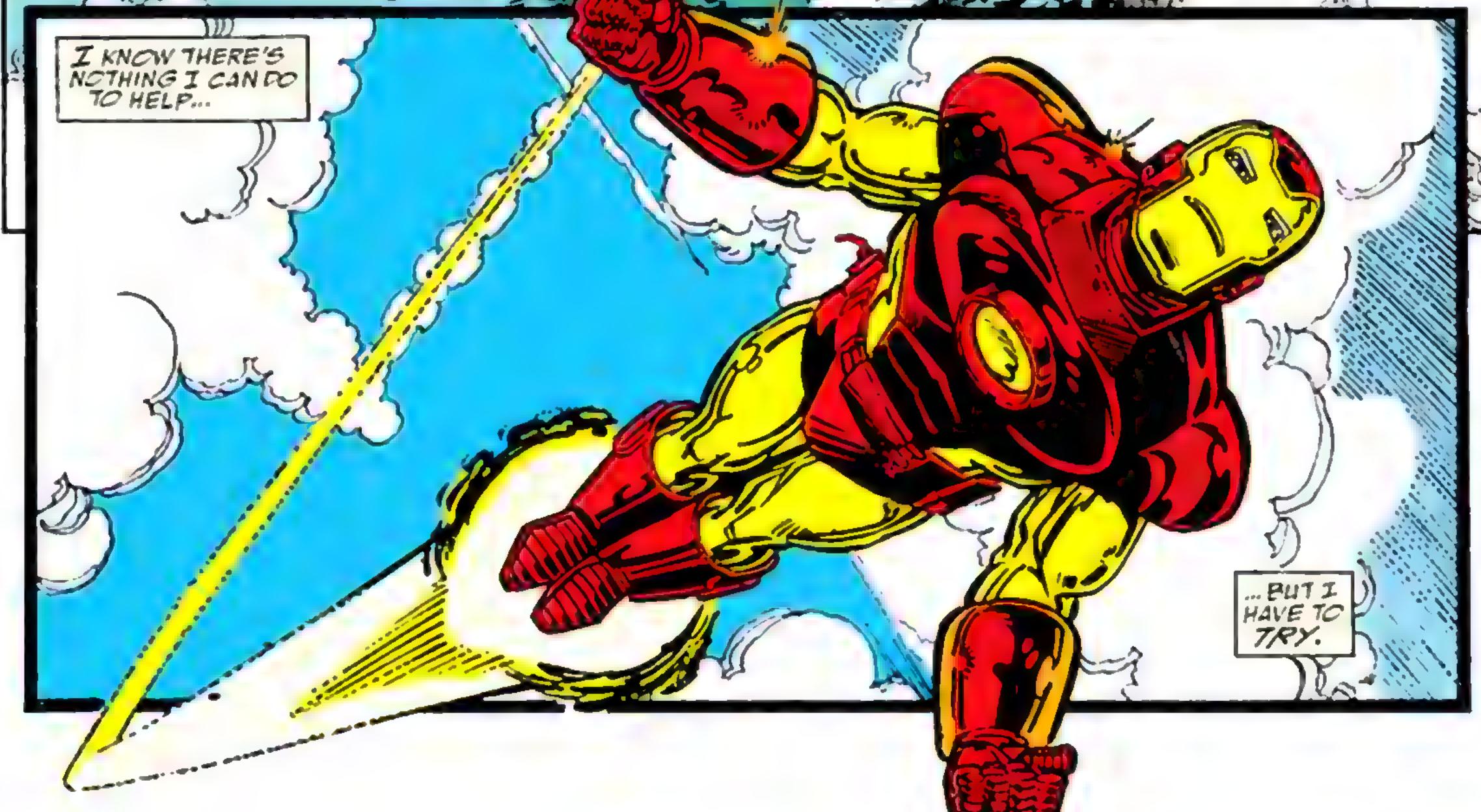
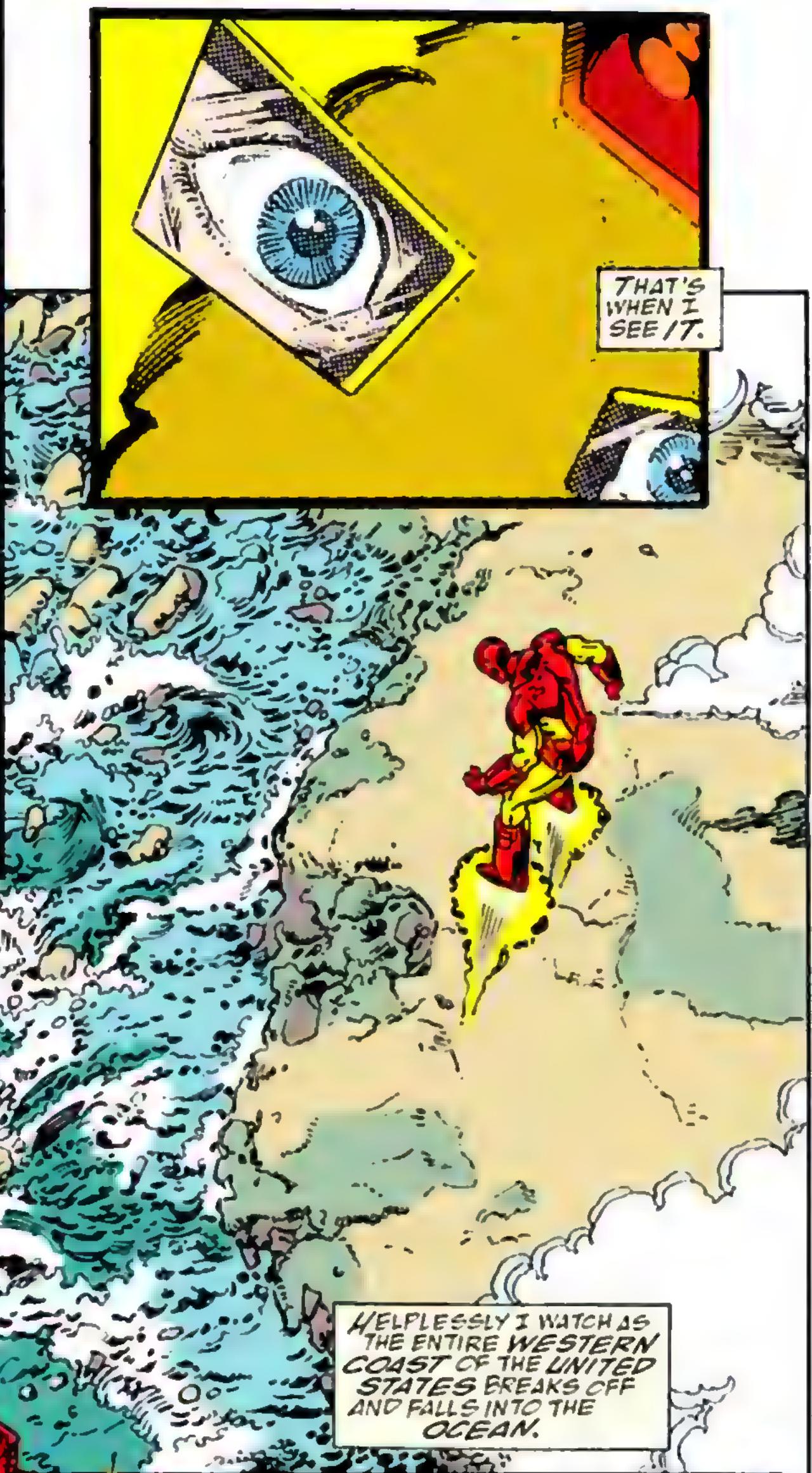
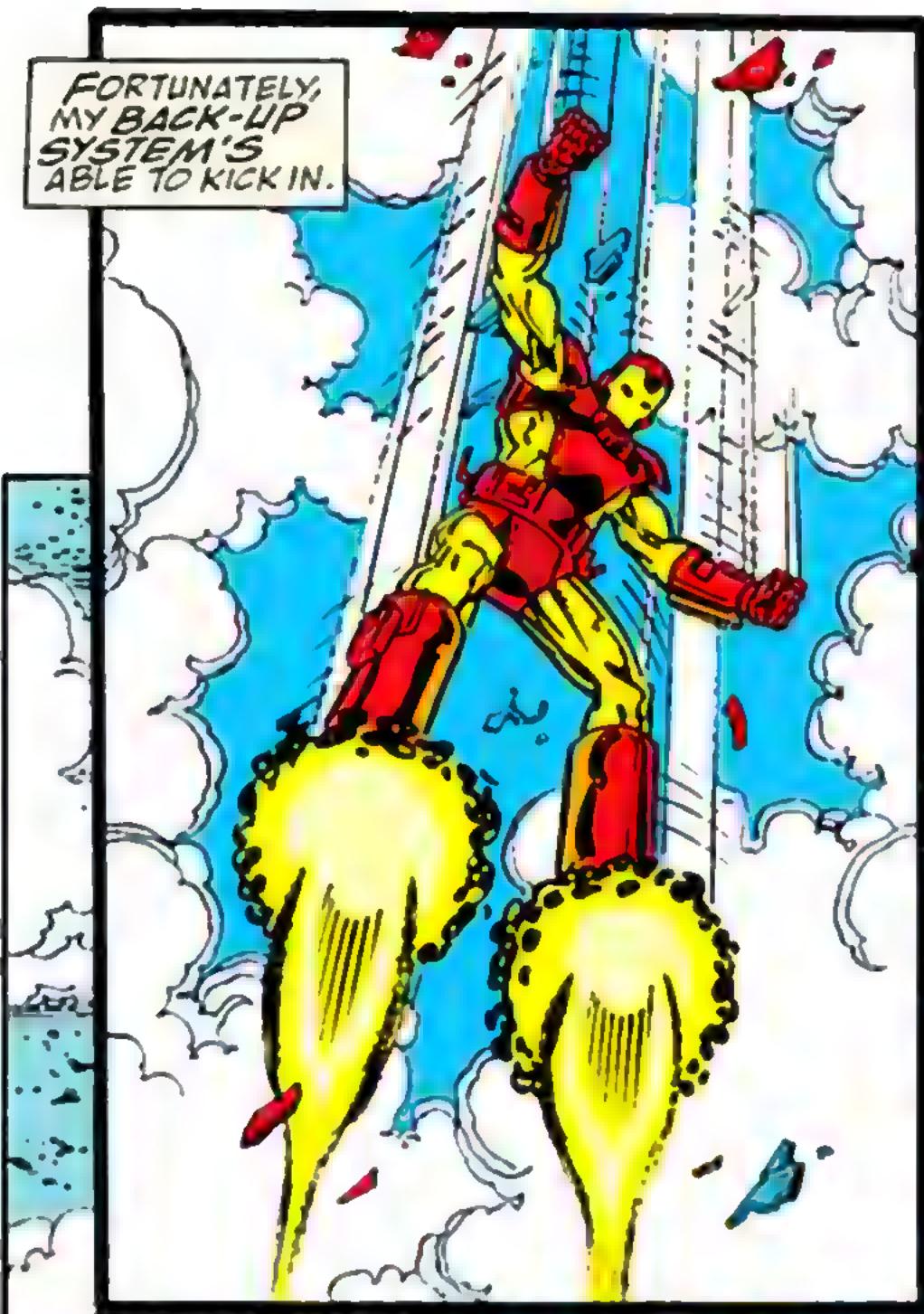
HOW CAN I GO ON?

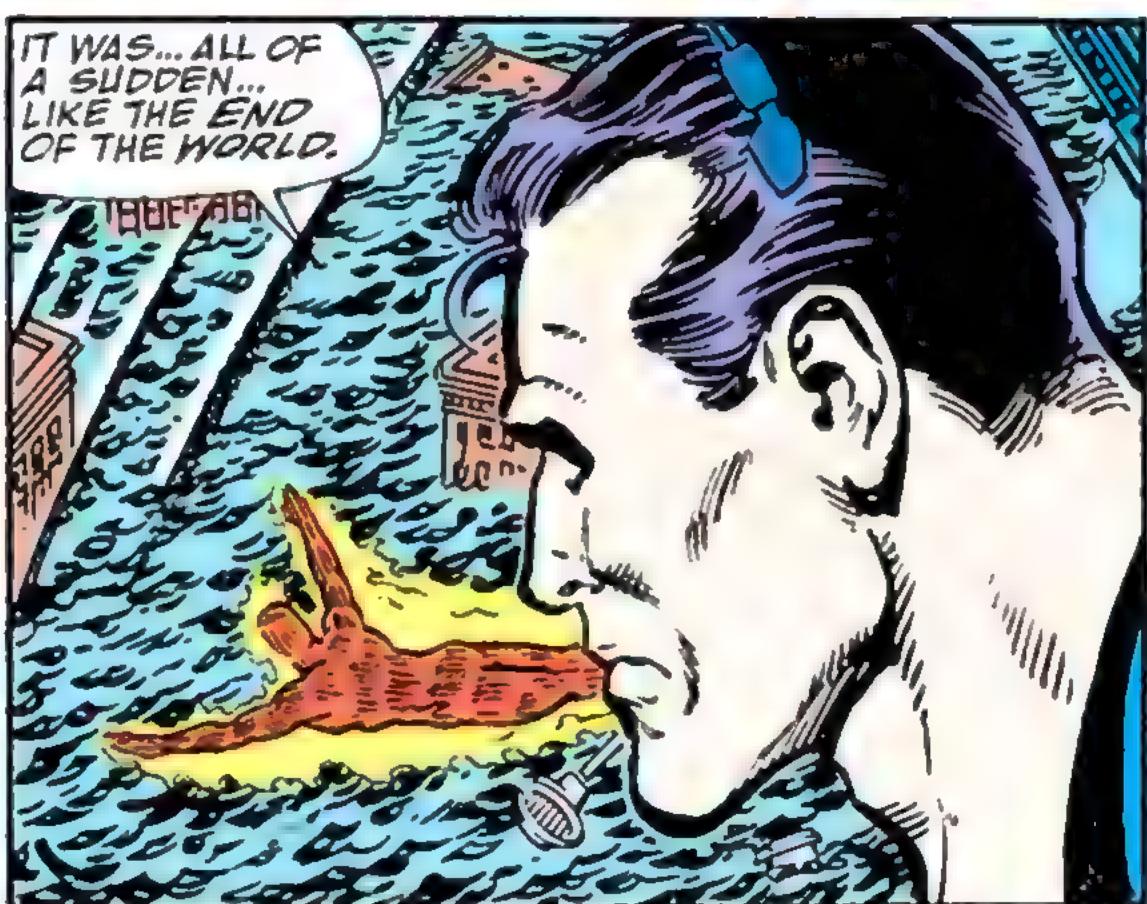
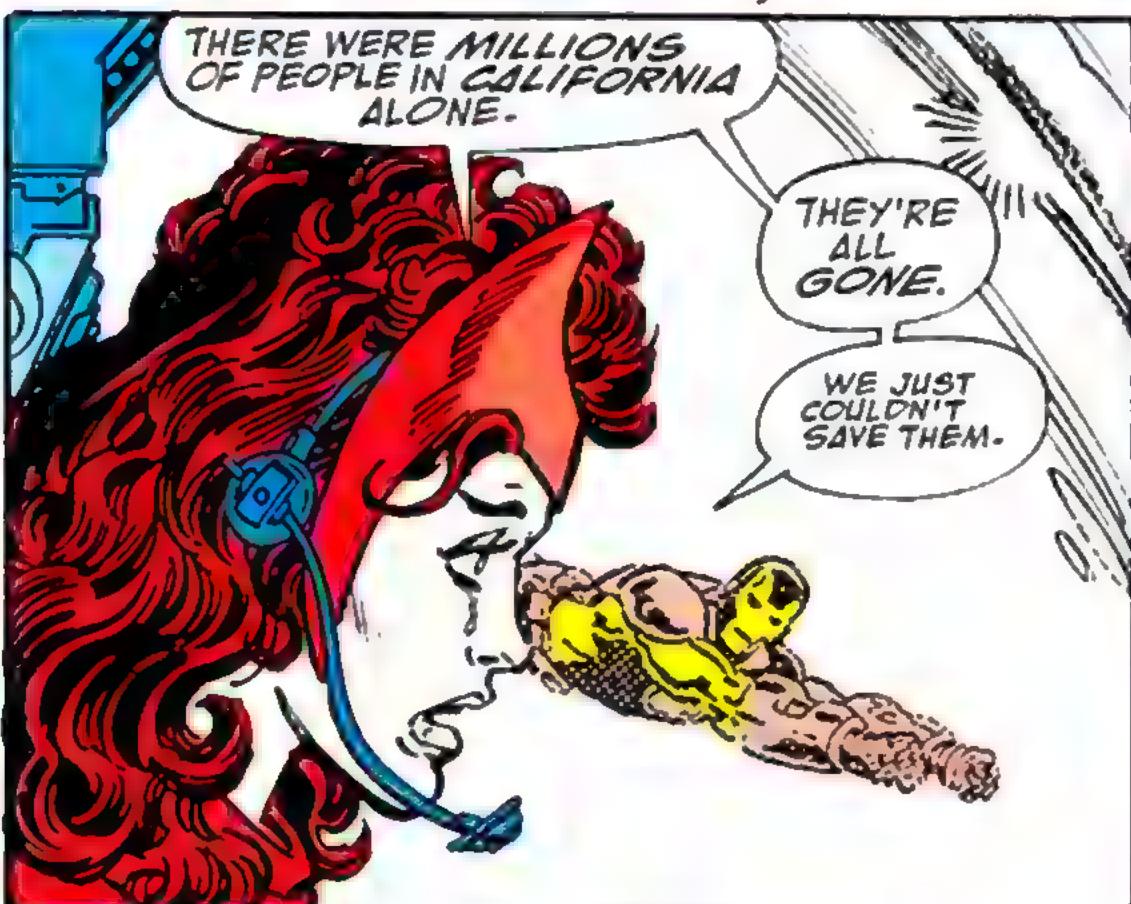
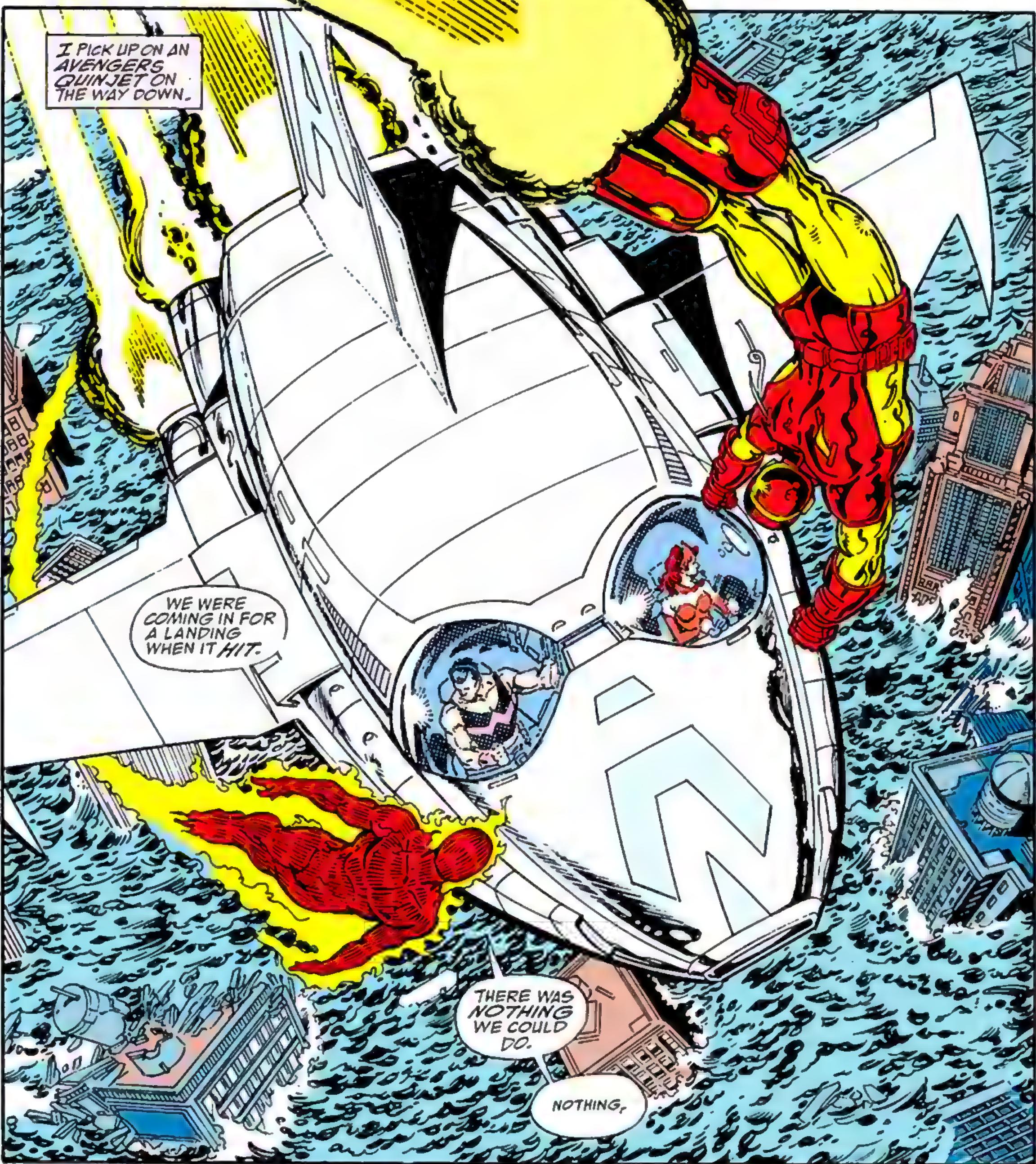
WHAT!?











THERE WAS TRULY NO METHOD AVAILABLE TO PREDICT THE APPROACH OF THANOS'S DESTRUCTIVE PSYCHIC ONSLAUGHT.

HOW WAS I TO KNOW HOW DEVASTATING IT WOULD PROVE TO BE?

ONE MOMENT BEAUTIFUL ASGARD SAT PEACEFULLY, A JEWEL IN THE HEAVENS.

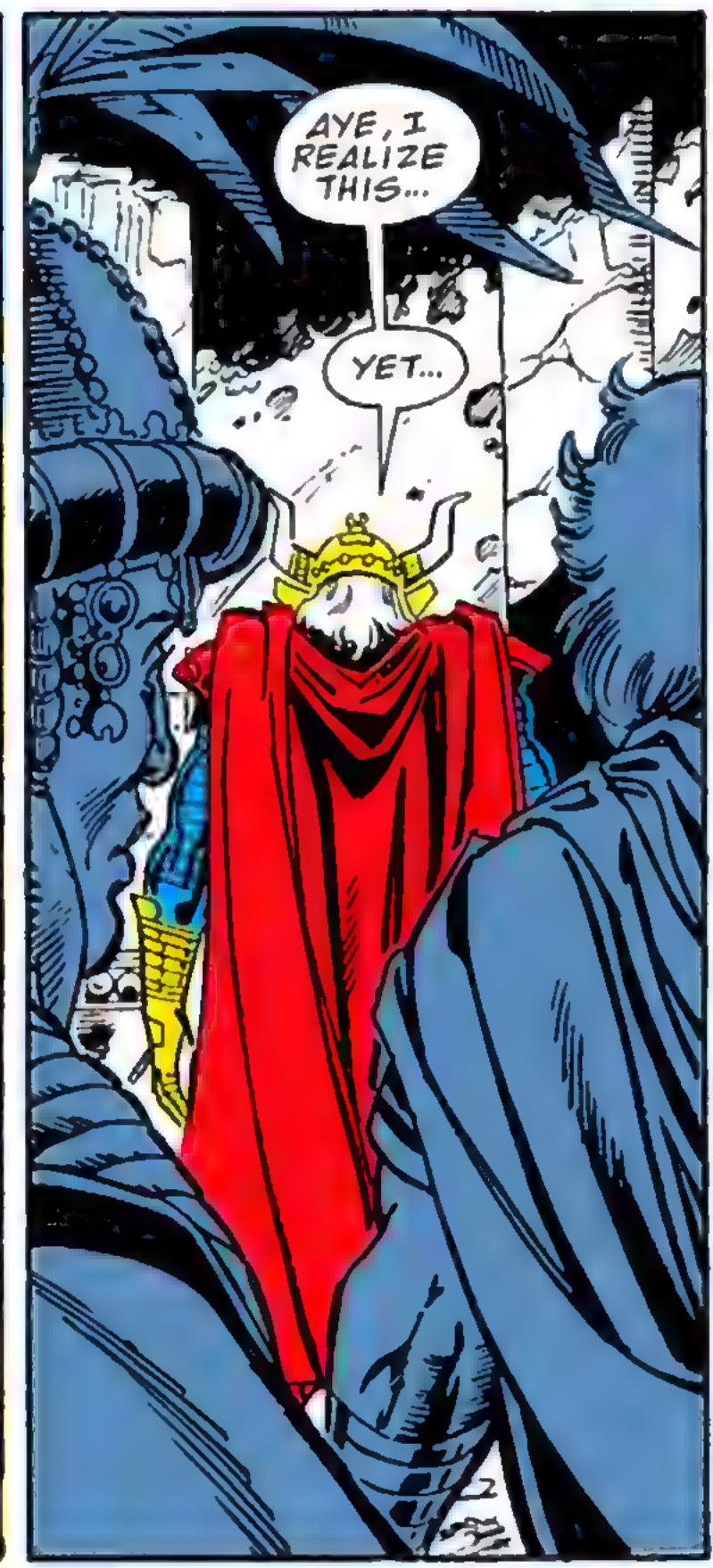
A MERE MOMENT LATER THE HOME OF THE PROUD NORSE GODS WAS TORN ASUNDER...

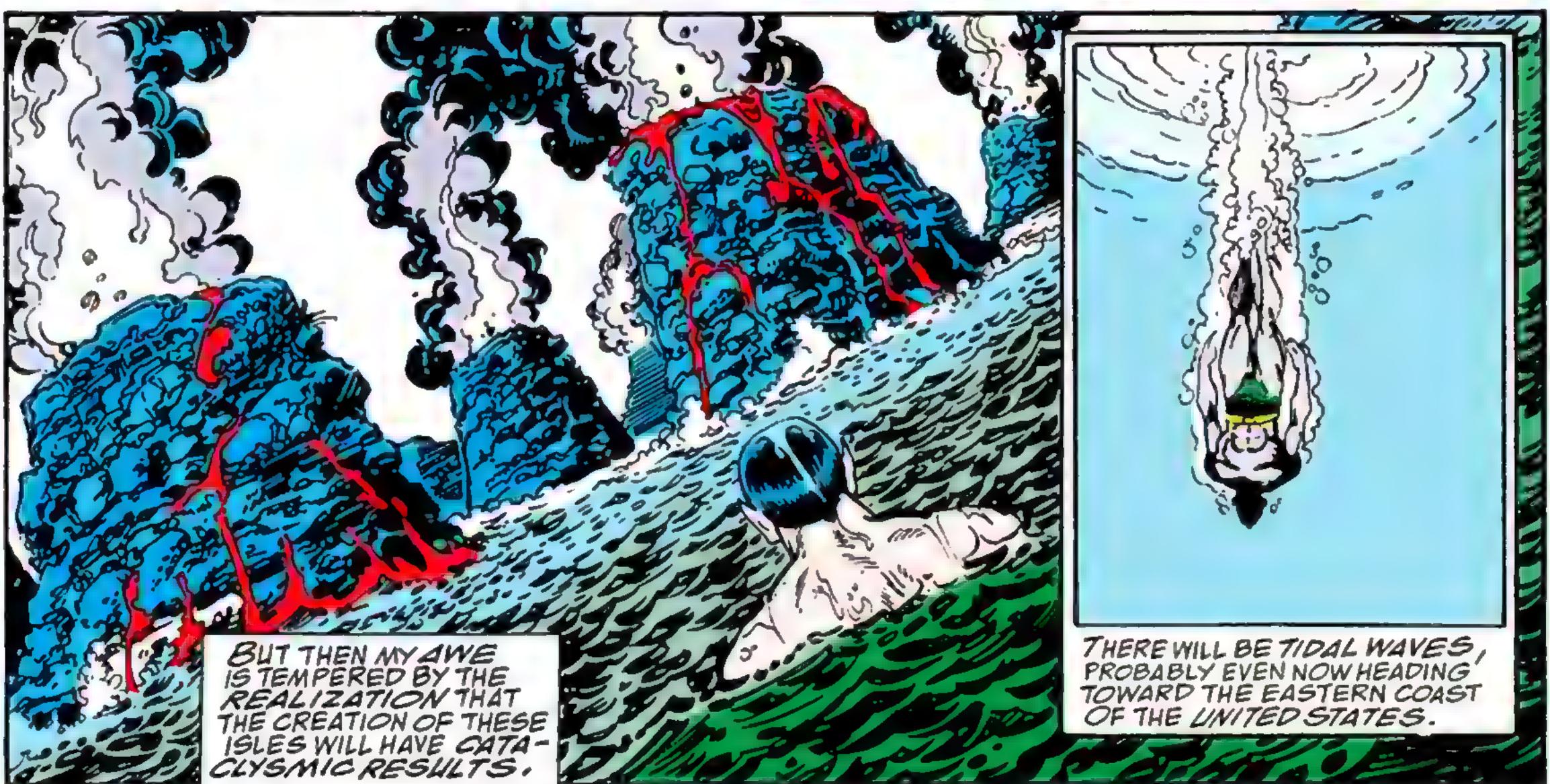
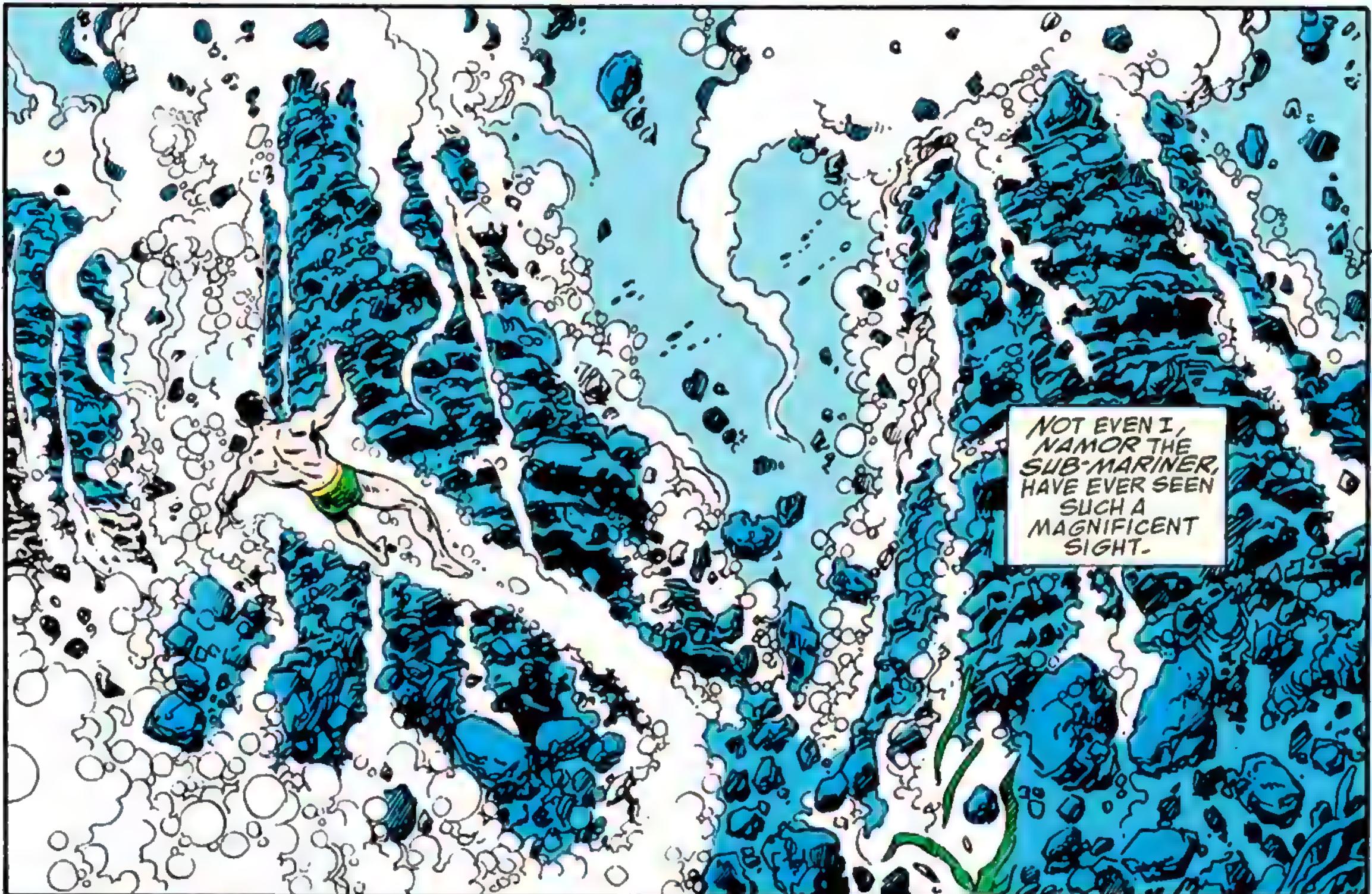
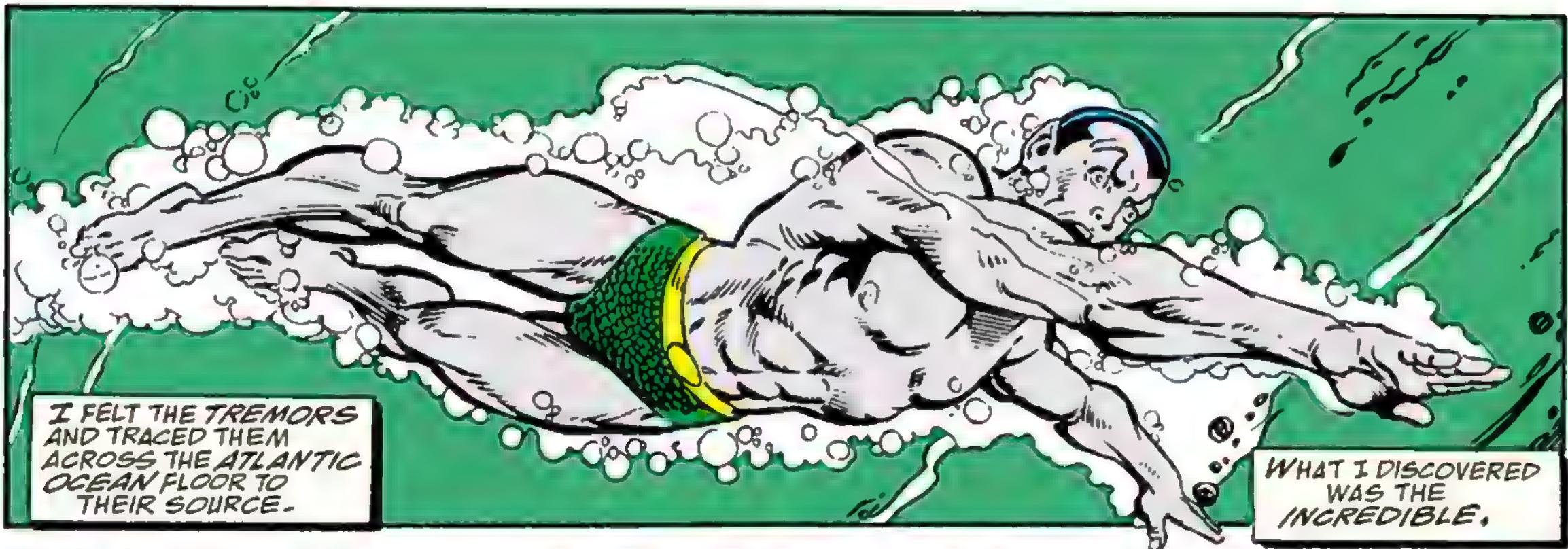
...ITS SPIRES TOPPLED...

DOST THOU FEEL THE CHANGE?

AYE, 'TWAS NO SIMPLE EARTH-QUAKE.

...THE RAINBOW BRIDGE SHATTERED.





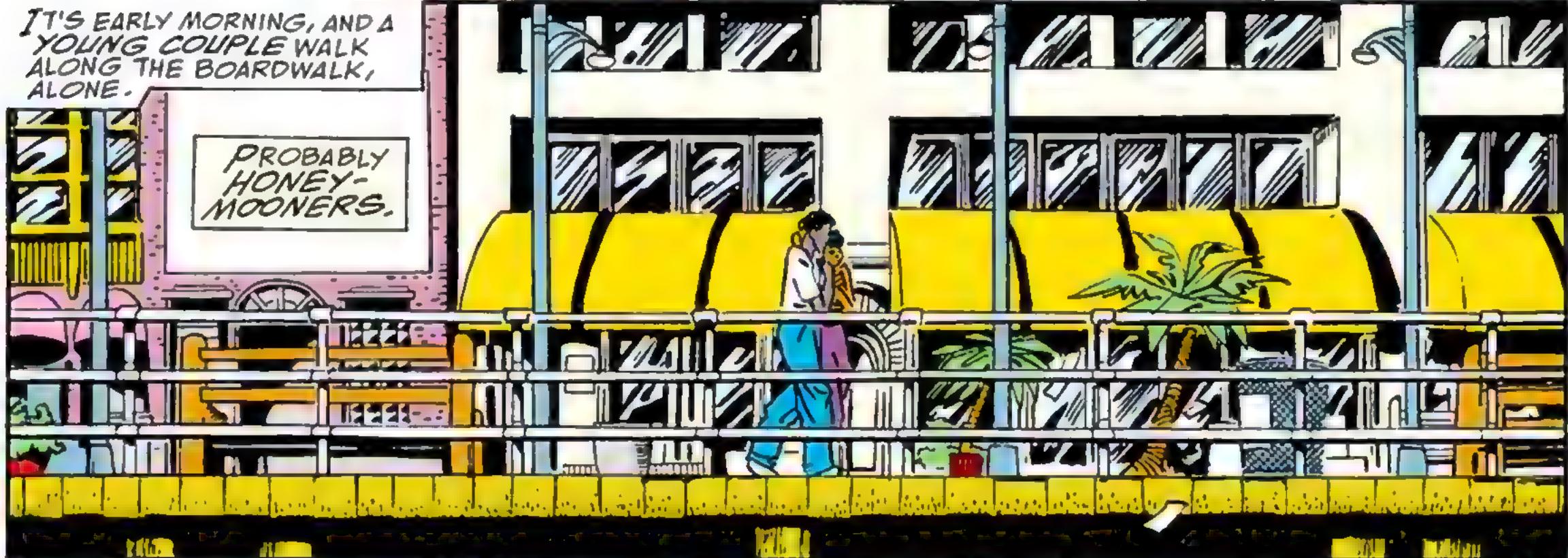
NAMORITA'S
THE NAME.

IT'S BY SHEER
CHANCE THAT
I'M FLYING OVER
ATLANTIC
CITY.



IT'S EARLY MORNING, AND A
YOUNG COUPLE WALK
ALONG THE BOARDWALK,
ALONE.

PROBABLY
HONEY-
MOONERS.



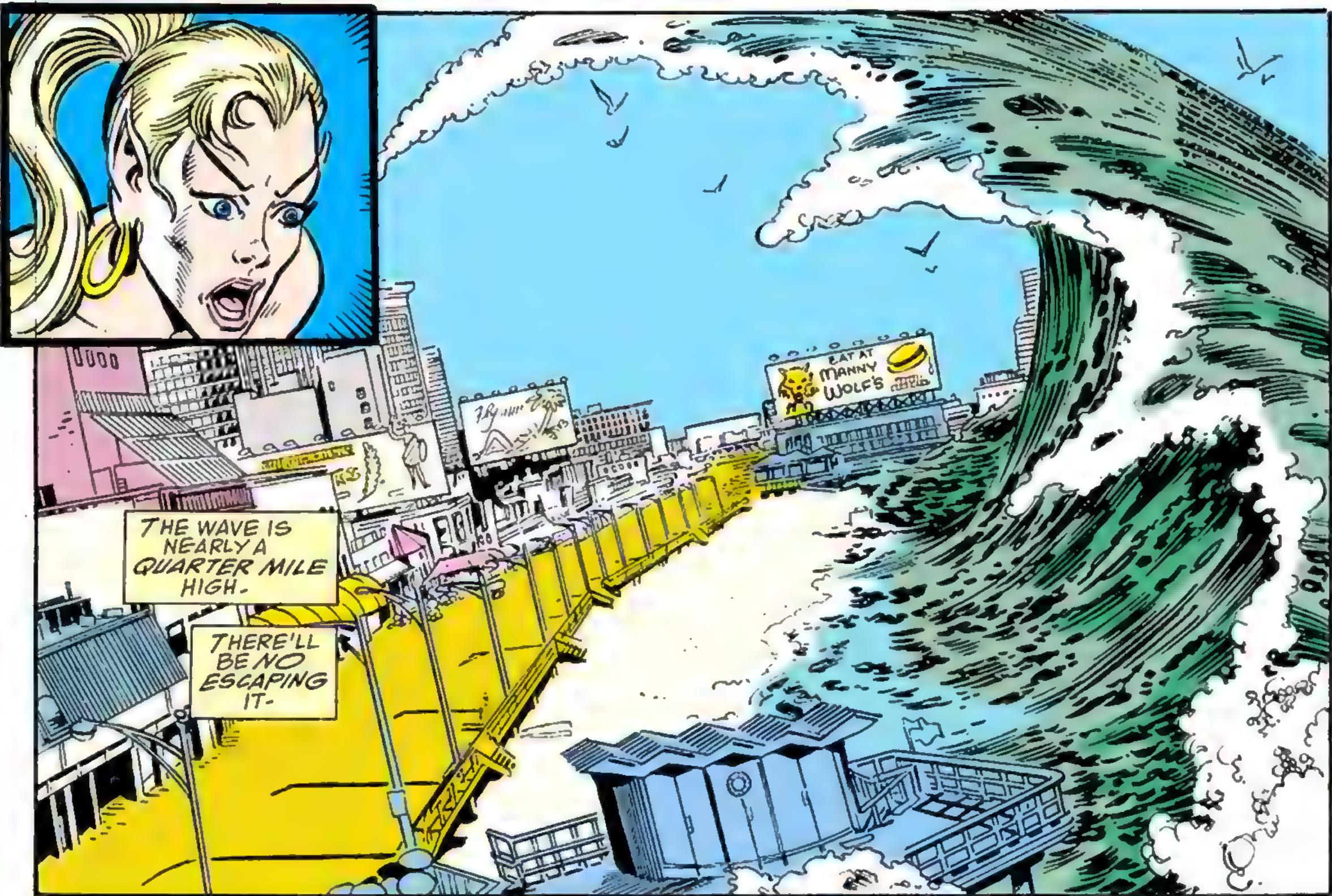
THEY
HEAR THE
ROAR...

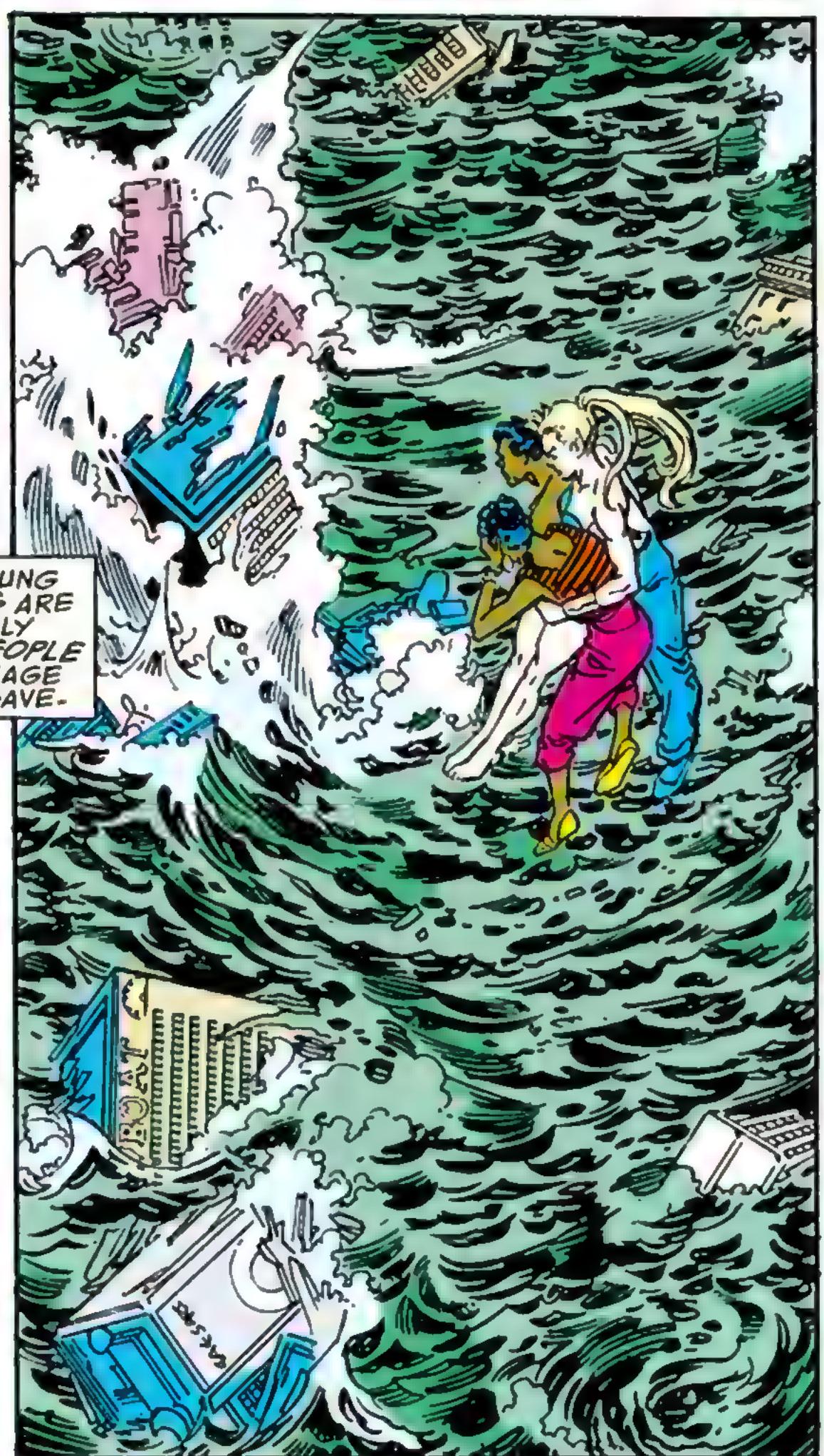
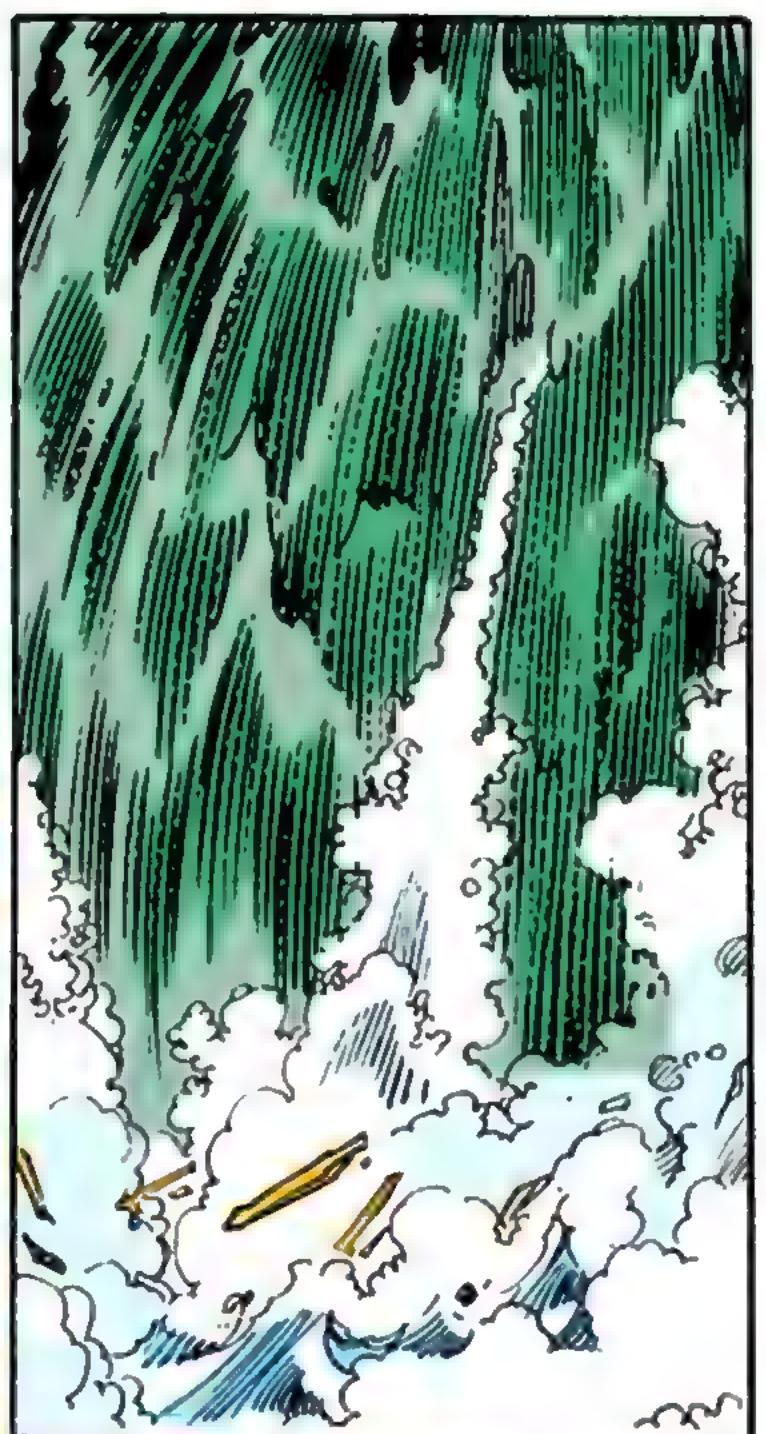
...AND LOOK
UP TO SEE
APPROACHING
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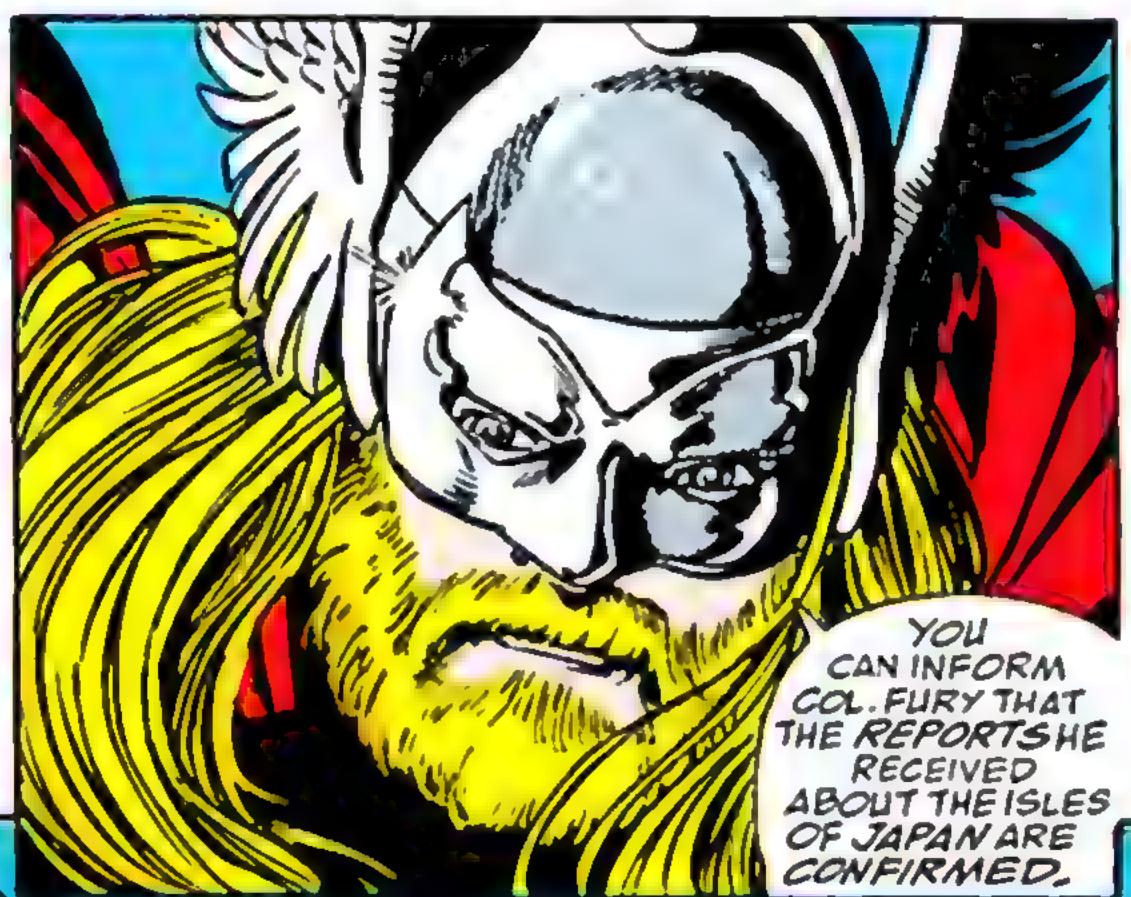
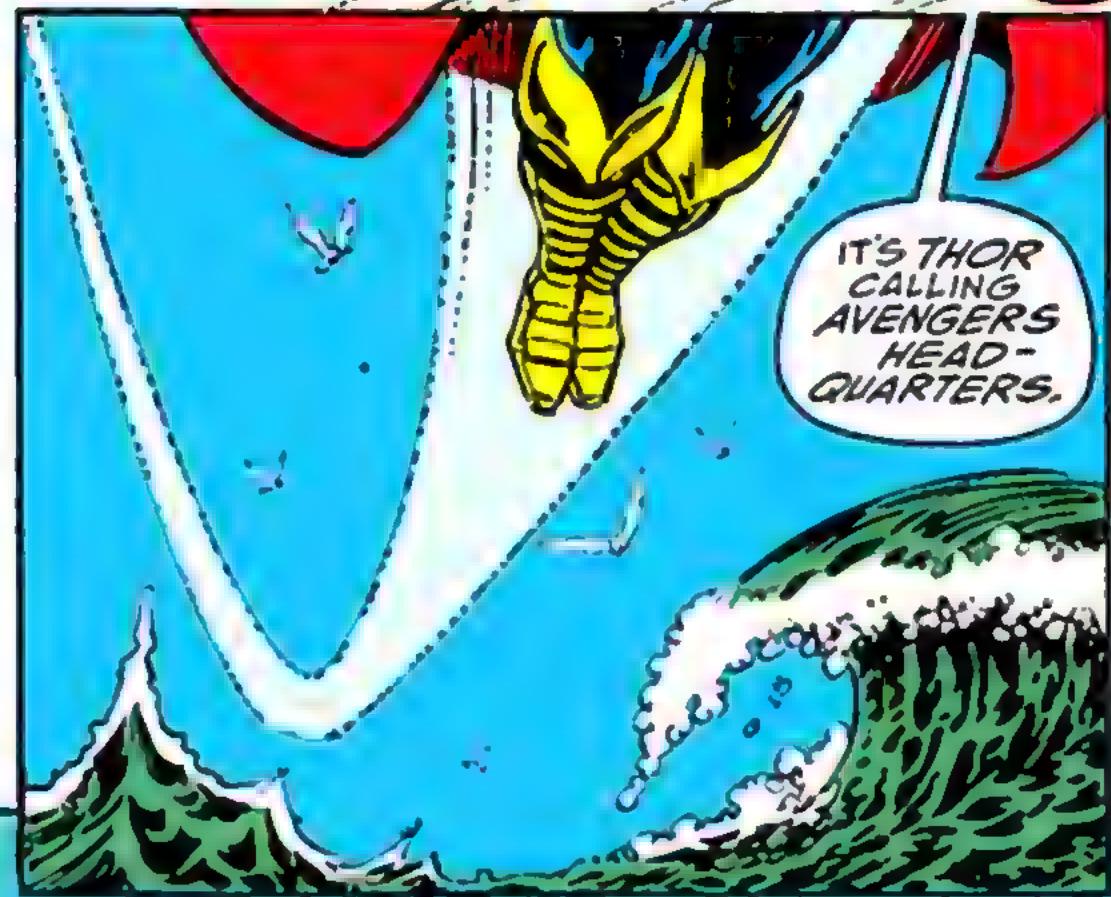


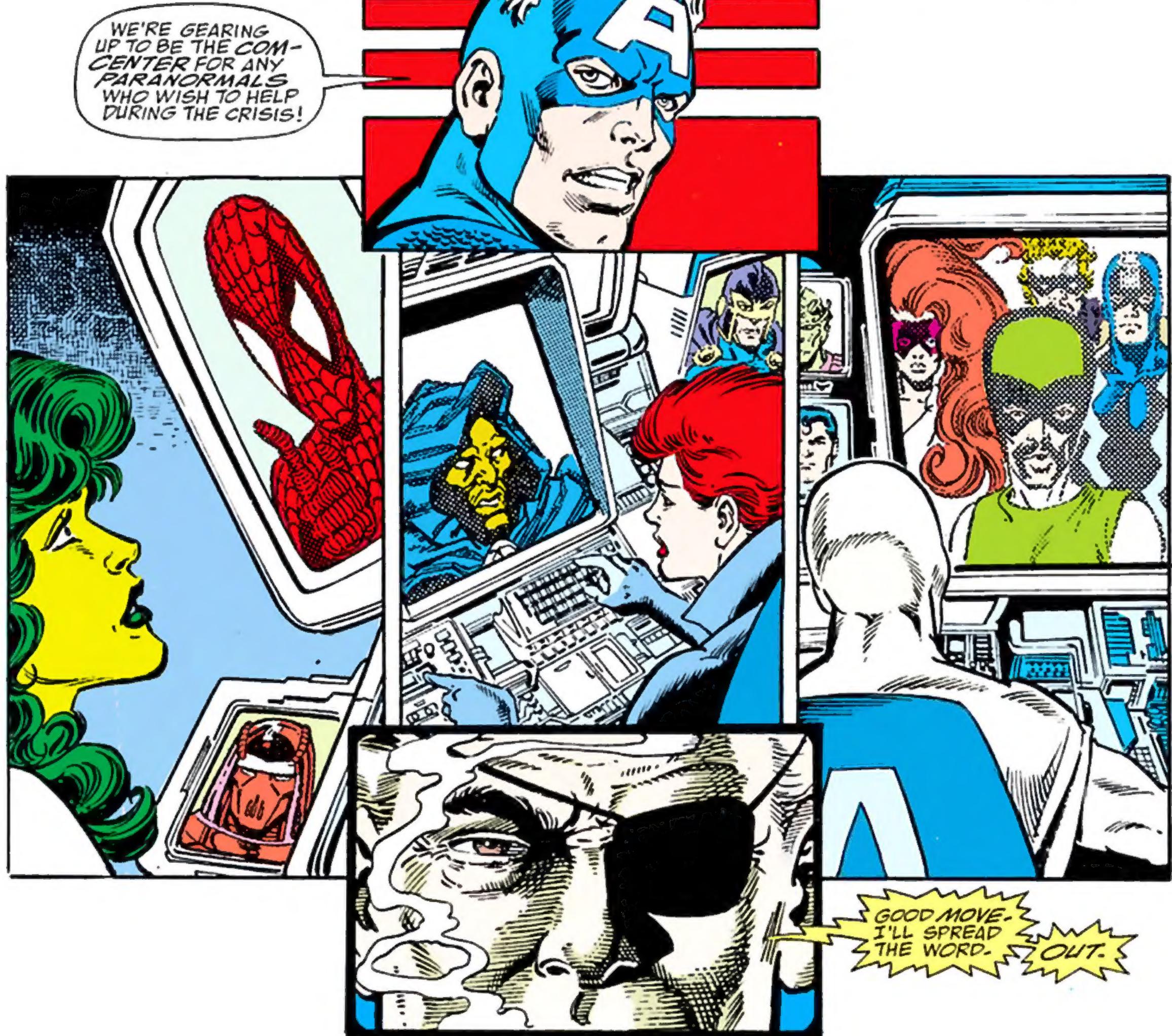
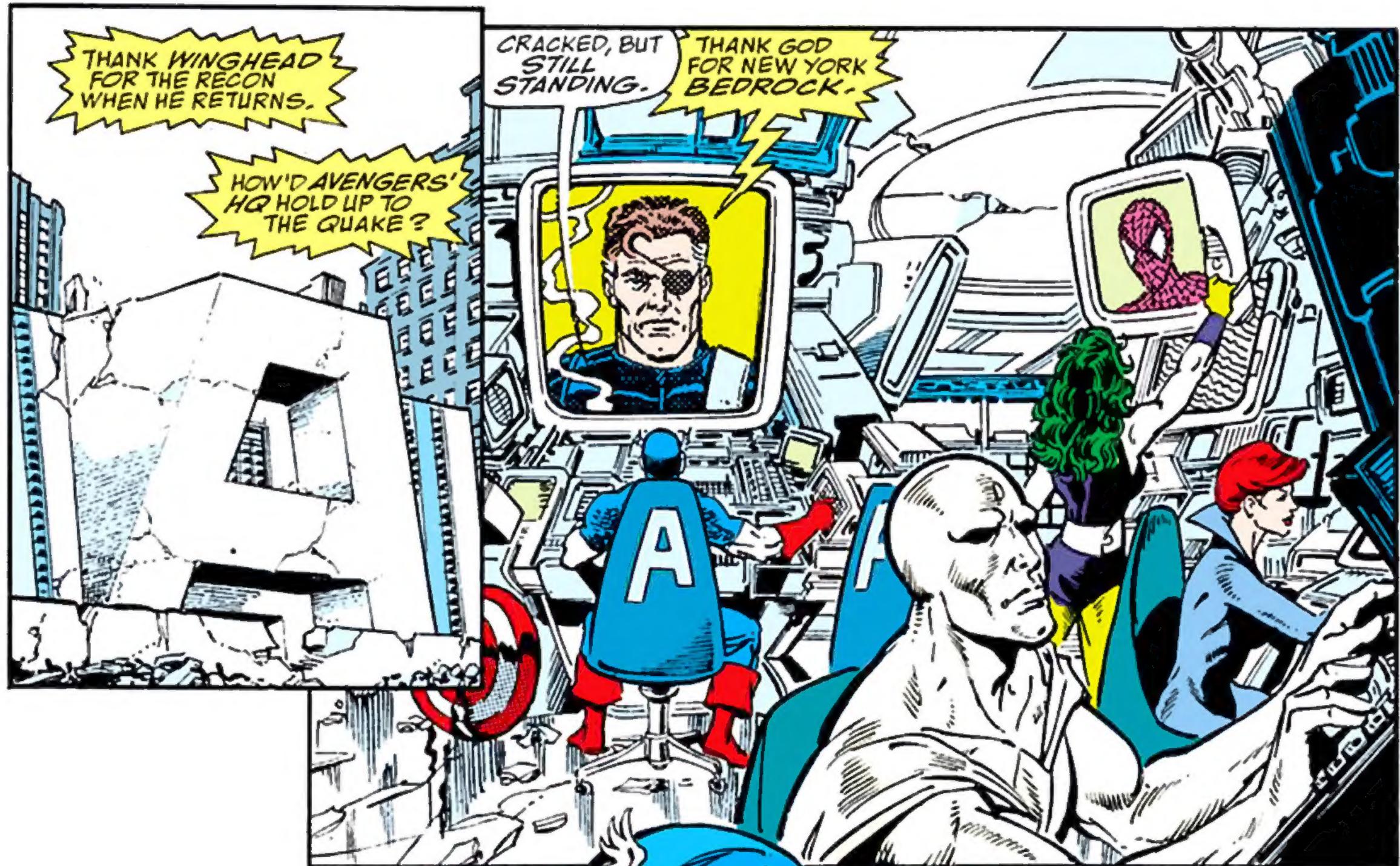
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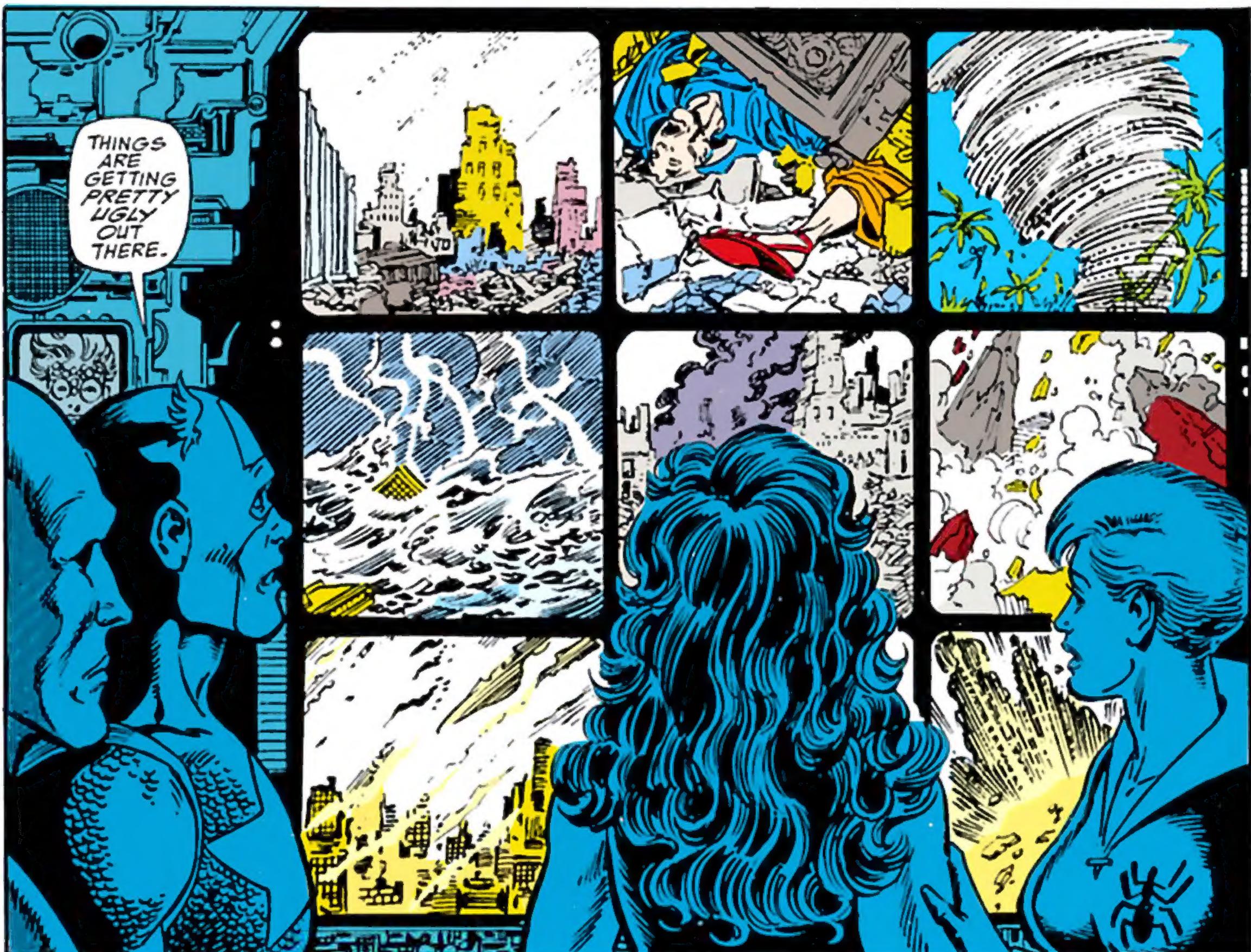
THERE'LL
BE NO
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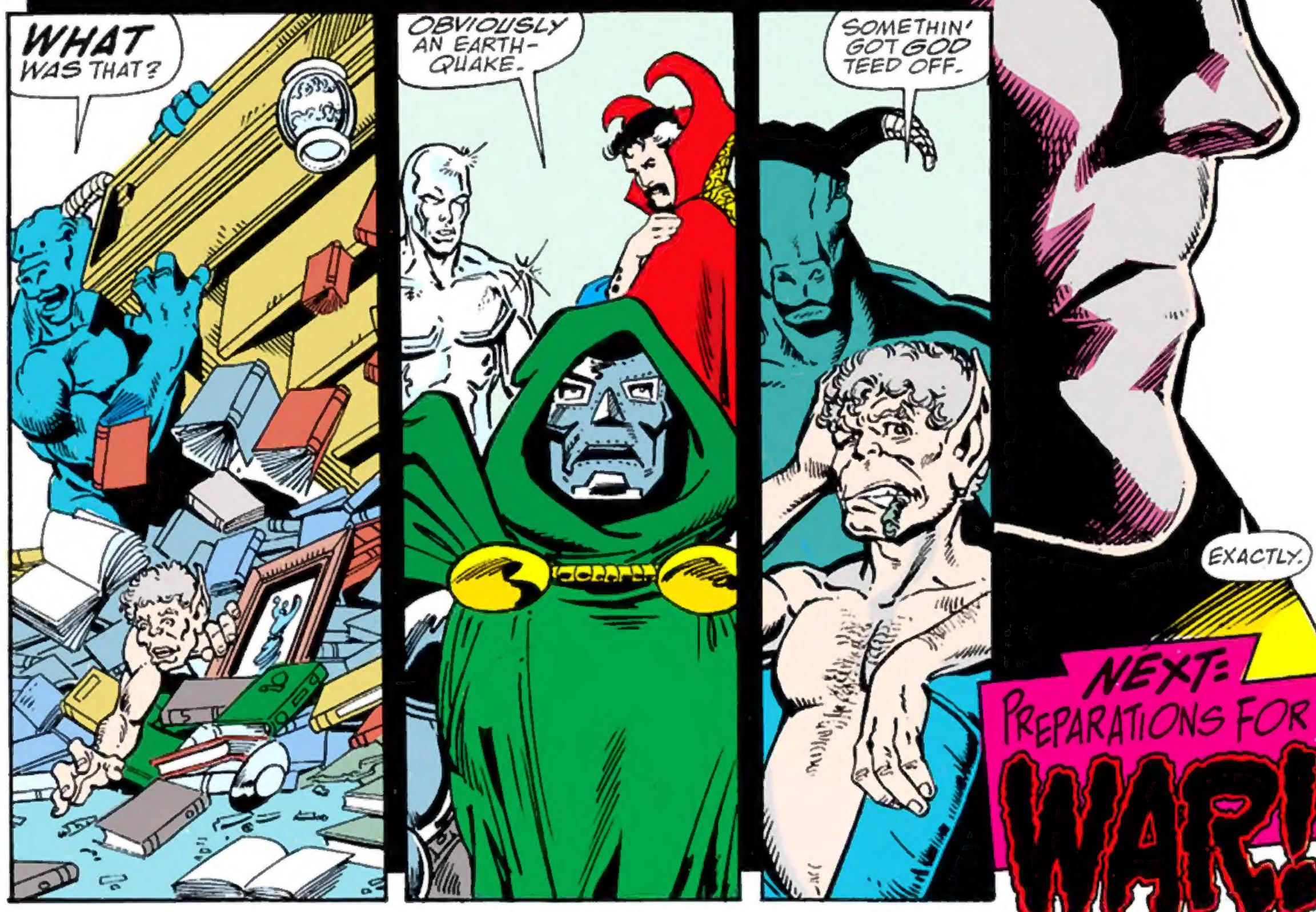
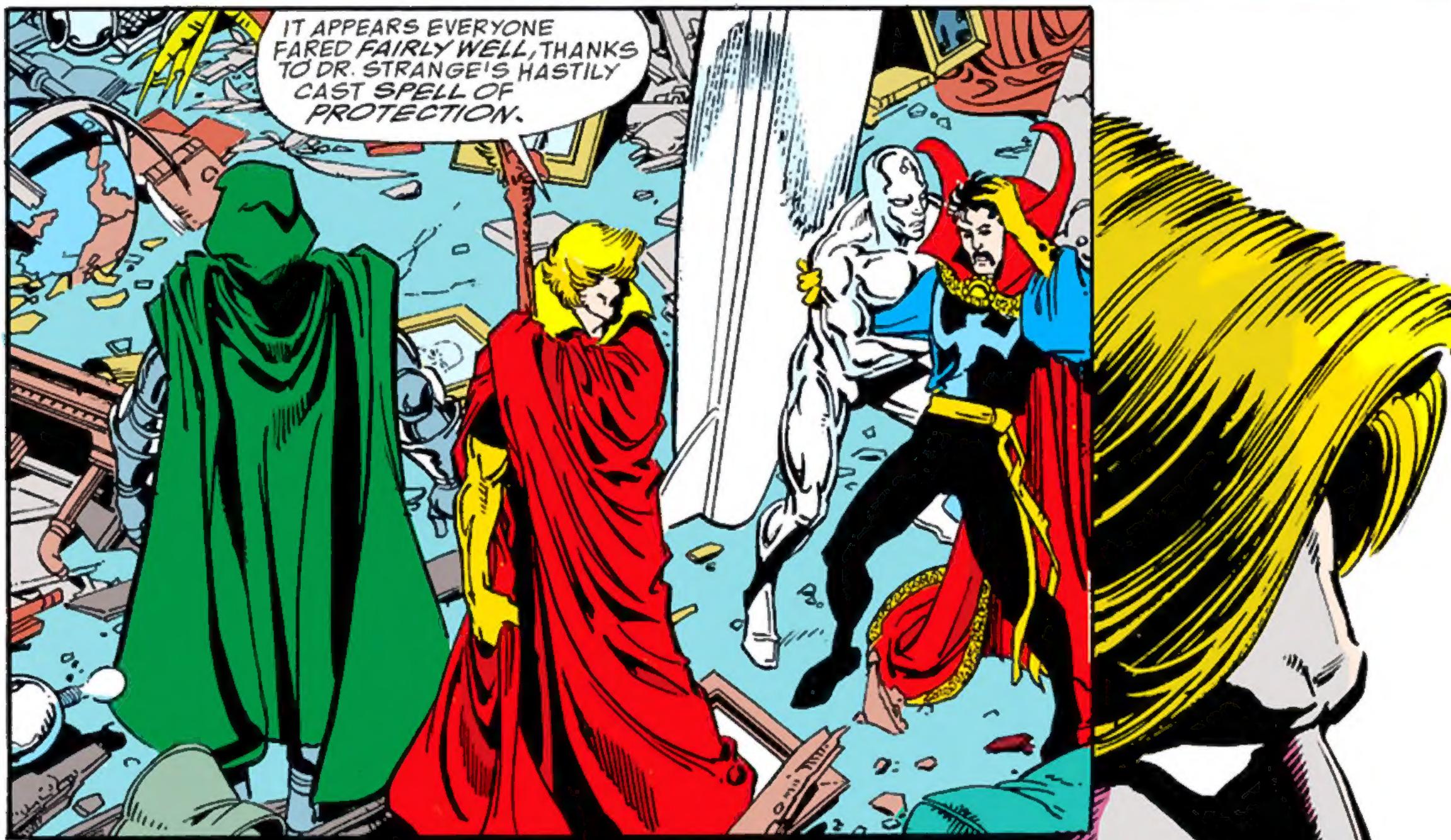


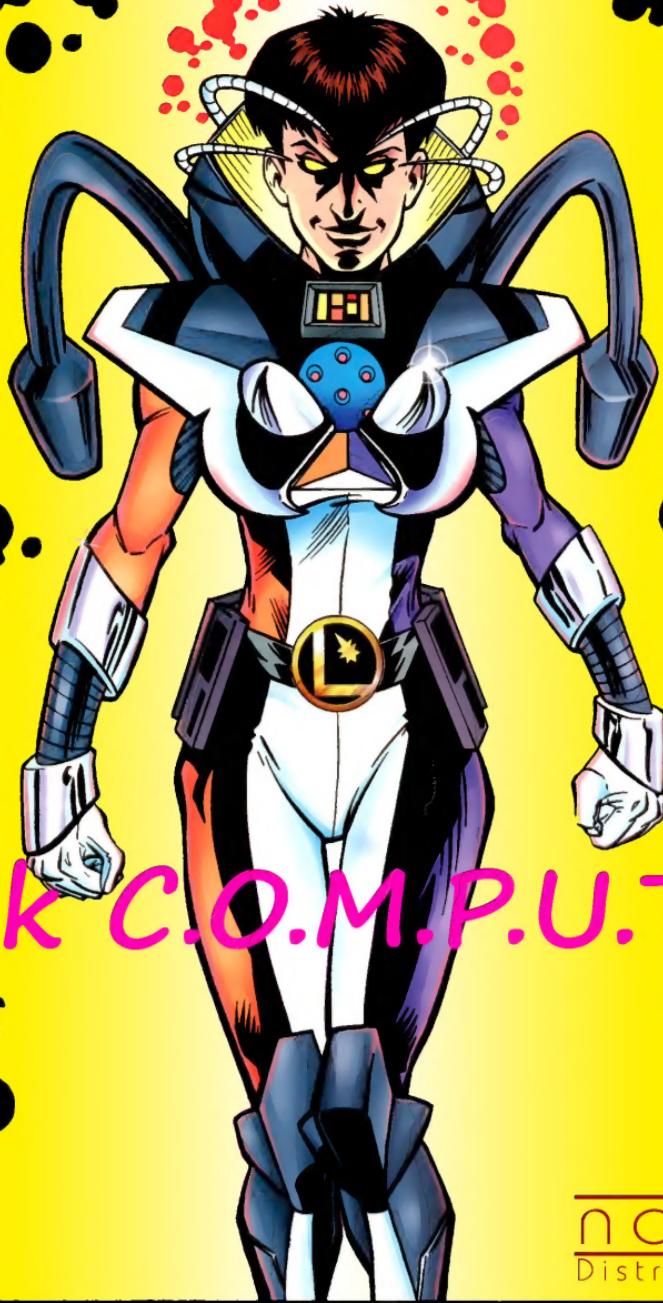












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